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Labor: Unity gov't unlikely despite talks

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Senior Labor Party officials said yesterday that formation of a national unity government is unlikely, despite confirmation that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Labor chairman Ehud Barak held secret meetings recently to explore the possibility.

The offices of both Barak and Netanyahu described the meetings – held at Mossad headquarters – as "merely tentative."

But Channel 1 reported last night that Netanyahu and Barak had reached several understandings, including that Barak would be deputy prime minister and defense minister in a unity cabinet.

Labor would have six or seven ministers and the security cabinet would include an equal number of Likud and Labor ministers, the TV report said.

The leading ministerial candidates for Labor are MKs Shimon Peres, Haim Ramon, Shlomo Ben-Ami and Yossi Beilin, the report said.

MKs Avraham Shohat, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Uzi Baram and Dalia Itzik would reportedly vie for one more portfolio.

If Amnon Shahak joins Labor, he, too, will be a ministerial candidate, the report said.

Labor's condition for joining a unity government would be implementation of the second pullback, which would presumably lead to the National Religious Party's quitting the coalition, the report added.

Sources in Barak's office yesterday denied the Channel 1 report, saying that no understandings were reached and that there has been no discussion of who would be ministers.

But the offices of Netanyahu and Barak confirmed that the two held a number of meetings in the Mossad facilities to ensure their secrecy. They discussed the possibility of early elections and of forming a national unity government, according to both sides.

Peres yesterday reiterated his support for a unity government, saying that final-status agreements could only be reached by both major parties in a broad national consensus.

He said this was preferable to early elections, due to concern that after the polls "both large parties will cease to exist, the number of small parties will increase and it will no longer be possible to form a national unity government."

Senior Labor figures said yesterday, however, that the option of forming a unity government is not realistic.

They argued that Netanyahu has no intention of forming a unity government and was merely using it to scare his right-wing partners into not quitting the coalition.

"The whole thing is not serious, it's a recurring political manipulation by Netanyahu, who leaked word of the meeting and the unity government issue for internal [coalition] purposes," MK Haim Ramon said.

Barak refused to comment on the meetings, but he did tell other party leaders about them and said he had reiterated Labor's demand that early elections come first and consideration of a unity government afterwards.

Barak said that since Netanyahu had insisted on secrecy, he had not informed Labor leaders about the meetings from the start.

Labor sources said Barak was furious with Netanyahu for "tricking" him yet again by promising complete secrecy, then leaking word of the meetings.

In the past, Barak vowed not to have any more "secret meetings" with Netanyahu, after he realized the prime minister or his aides would leak details to the media.

Mall fire

A firefighter, assisted by two border policemen, prepares to deploy a fan yesterday during a fire at the Jerusalem Mall in the capital's Malha section. Four persons were lightly injured by smoke inhalation, and 10,000 people had to leave the building. Story, Page 5. (Brian Hendler)

Kenya: Israel aiding blast probe

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Israeli intelligence agents are involved in the investigation of the bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, Channel 1 quoted a senior Kenyan military official as saying last night.

The report came after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu offered the services of the Mossad and other intelligence agencies in tracking down the terrorists. The senior Kenyan officer said British Intelligence is also in Nairobi to help with the investigation.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced in Washington that a $2 million reward would be given for information leading to the conviction of "the cowards that committed this act."

In Tanzania, meanwhile, police said they had arrested several suspects in the embassy bombing. Their identities were not given, but they were the first to be arrested in the simultaneous bombing of the US embassies in Kenya and neighboring Tanzania on Friday which killed 202 people, all but 10 in Nairobi, and wounded more than 5,000.

Tanzanian Police Commissioner Wilson Mwansasu confirmed "some arrests," but would not say how many or whether those being held are considered prime suspects.

More than three days after the attacks in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, there was still no word of a breakthrough nor was any group identified as being responsible them.

About a dozen people were detained in Nairobi, but US Assistant Secretary of State Susan Rice told reporters, "Don't attach too much importance to it."

She said they had not been charged, but were picked up in the hope they could provide useful information. Other officials said some of the 12 are Iraqi, some Sudanese.

In announcing the reward money, Albright vowed that the United States "will not be intimidated" by the explosions. "Although terror can turn buildings to rubble and laughter to tears, it can never, will never, deter America from its purpose or presence around the globe," she said.

President Bill Clinton cut short a trip to the West Coast to discuss the bombings with his foreign policy advisers. Earlier, Clinton said in a speech at a health care event in Louisville, Kentucky:

"We must be strong in dealing with this. We must not be deterred by the threat of other action. There is no way out if we start running away from this kind of conduct."

In Nairobi yesterday, the IDF Home Front Command rescue team continued to search for survivors. They uncovered 15 more bodies, but their main effort has been to free a Kenyan woman known only as "Rose," who has been trapped in the debris of Ufundi House, next door to the US mission, and is still thought to be alive.

"I am full of hope she is alive and is hanging in there," said Meital Hallawi, an officer in the IDF rescue unit. "Rose is very strong."

Yesterday morning, IDF rescuers ordered complete silence at the site and lowered sensitive listening devices into the rubble. A local Kenyan scuttled as deep as he could in a tunnel the Israelis had cleared and yelled out to where Rose was believed to be for her to make a sign, scratch on the cement, to see if she was still alive.

The equipment picked up noises and it appeared to spur on the rescue workers.

OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir arrived in Nairobi yesterday to personally follow the rescue operation. His main purpose for going, military sources said, was to determine how much longer his troops should remain there.

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Ministers to demand NIS 12b. increase

By DAVID HARRIS

Ministers today are expected to make additional budgetary demands of some NIS 12 billion, despite the Treasury's request they show restraint during the 1999 state budget deliberations.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and his senior staff yesterday asked ministers to respect their calls for the budget deficit to be no greater than two percent of the gross domestic product, which means the deficit must not exceed NIS 7.8 billion.

However, the ministers, led by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, are demanding fiscal expansion far beyond the Treasury's limitations.

Tight budget may mean more rate cuts, Page 13

In recent days cabinet members have been lining up their budget demands, which they are to formally present for the first time today:

- Mordechai is calling for an NIS 2b. spending increase for the defense establishment. The increase is essential, he says, given the ongoing expenses of defending the country's borders and the need to be prepared in the event of renewed military threats from the Gulf.

Former Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom admitted yesterday the IDF could implement some money-saving schemes, but stressed that its belt is already quite tight.

- Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is still threatening that his Yisrael Ba'aliya Party will vote en masse against the budget if it doesn't allow for additional spending on infrastructure, professional training and, most importantly, research and development.

At the same time, Sharansky is demanding a more relaxed monetary policy, with inflation being allowed to rise slightly over the coming 12 months.

- Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan wants to see a larger budget for water system improvements.
- Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, faced with a slump in the tourism industry and the year 2000 celebrations looming, is also demanding a larger pot next year, which he says will help create tens of thousands of jobs in 1999 and 2000.

The Treasury says it will not allow government spending to exceed NIS 173.8b.

Treasury Director-General Ben-Zion Zilberfarb last night told *The Jerusalem Post* some of those objecting to the budget before yesterday's cabinet debate were pleasantly surprised by what they heard yesterday, in particular Sharansky.

"What surprised him and others is that we're sticking to our overall budget deficit target, yet at the same time we're allowing the increase of the domestic deficit – exactly what he wanted to see," Zilberfarb said.

"Who knows what he'll say tomorrow, but today he listened."

Jordan: Better ties with Iran don't hurt Israel links

By NOAH STREIT and DAVID HARRIS

The improving relationship between Jordan and Iran is not having any effect on ties between Amman and Jerusalem, a Jordanian official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

"Any improvement in Jordan-Iranian relations has no bearing on Israel-Jordan relations," said the official.

Some government officials had suggested that Sunday's resignation of Jordan's Water and Irrigation Minister Munther Haddadin had something to do with his being seen in Amman as a close ally of Israel, though other officials denied it.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Jawad Anani returned yesterday from a three-day visit to Teheran, aimed at improving ties between the states.

"There has been some improvement in relations [with Iran]," the Jordanian official said. "The signals of moderation that have come from certain quarters in Iran we are watching closely."

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NEWS
in brief

Russian security alleges Nativ espionage

A high-ranking Russian security service officer said yesterday that his agency had uncovered a network of foreign spies working under cover of the Nativ agency, which maintains contacts with Jews in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, a news agency reported.

Sergei Savchenkov, deputy head of the Federal Security Service branch in Omsk, Siberia, said that the network was uncovered last year when a Russian defense plant worker admitted trading information on the so-called Black Eagle tank to Nativ, which has offices in Russia and Ukraine.

Nativ has been involved in "an extremely perfidious operation of secret services staged on Russia's territory," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Savchenkov as saying.

AP

Mordechai presses Russian official on Iran ties

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday pressed visiting Russian National Security Council head Andrei Kokoshin to halt arms technology transfers to Iran by Russian companies.

Kokoshin said that Russia understands the threat posed by Iran and has recently acted to prevent the transfer of information and technology.

Itim

Argentine driver retracts "no Jews" comment

An Argentine bus driver accused of trying to throw off a Jewish boy with the shout "No Jews get on my bus" apologized publicly yesterday and denied he was antisemitic.

The government's anti-racism unit mediated the apology after the incident last week when a 15-year-old boy wearing a kippa was allegedly punched and verbally abused by Buenos Aires bus driver Rafael Abalos.

The boy tried to flag down the bus between stops in a Jewish neighborhood of Buenos Aires. When it did not halt, he went to the next stop and tried to board but was told: "No Jews get on my bus."

When the boy answered back, the driver hit him, pulled off his kippa and threw it off the bus. Abalos told the boy, in front of reporters and the head of the anti-racism unit, Victor Ramos: "It was just a moment of anger, it was not my intention to be racist."

Reuters

Germany urged to OK Holocaust memorial

The US architect who designed the leading model for Germany's planned national Holocaust memorial appealed yesterday for government officials to make their much-delayed decision about whether it will be built. While saying he didn't want to interfere in German politics, Peter Eisenman said the memorial would be a very important symbol for Germany.

Eisenman's proposal for a labyrinthian field of stone pillars resembling a cemetery was scaled down at the request of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and is believed to be the front-runner among three remaining finalists. Kohl has promised a decision before the September 27 national election. But the opposition Social Democrats recently reopened the debate by suggesting they would cancel the project if elected in favor of such alternatives as better preserving the former concentration camps.

AP

Meimad, secular candidates for J'lem elections

A representative of the dovish, religious Meimad party joined Jerusalem's Yesh list yesterday, making it a combined secular and religious election effort.

Yesh – which is an acronym for "Jerusalemites who care" – wants to foster dialogue between secular and religious Jews in Jerusalem.

Yael Ayalon, an economist and member of Meimad, will run third on the list, behind Professor Shlomo Hasson, of the Hebrew University, and Yesh leader Yossi Tal-Gan.

Amy Klein

Permits revoked for Nahariya amusement park

Haifa District Court yesterday revoked the construction permits for Medinat Hayeladim in Nahariya, saying they had been issued without following regulations. The regional council also should consider alternative locations for the park, the court said.

It noted that the decision, made in response to petitions from environmental groups, was not connected the fact that the site had been an asbestos dump.

Itim

Soldier gets life for murdering fellow soldier

St.-Sgt. Shahar Cohen, from Kfar Sava, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for murdering St.-Sgt. Alfred Cohen, 20, of Dimona, after they argued over a telephone. He was also demoted to the rank of private.

Cohen had been convicted of entering the operations room at an Engineering Corps base near Beka'ot in the Jordan Valley on the night of June 20, 1997, and telling Shahar, the operations room sergeant, to get off the phone so he could make a call.

Shahar refused and a fistfight ensued. Other soldiers broke it up and Alfred left the room. Later that night, Shahar shot Alfred to death.

Itim

Talks on hold as Arafat goes to S. Africa

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat left yesterday for South Africa and officials said they did not expect any decisions on renewing negotiations with Israel until he returns on Thursday.

Arafat's three-day visit to South Africa will include meetings with President Nelson Mandela and an address to the parliament in Pretoria.

PA officials termed the visit highly important since South Africa takes over next month as the head of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The talks with Mandela, the officials said, will focus on the Israeli-Palestinian peace track as well as Arafat's intention to declare an independent state next May.

Arafat's departure came as the head of the Palestinian negotiating team, Saeb Erekat, called on the Clinton administration to publish its bridging proposals for the second Israeli pullback.

Erekat said he rejects the continuation of talks with Israel if they focus on procedural issues. Instead, he demanded that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu announce his acceptance of a 13.1 percent IDF handover of West Bank land to full Palestinian control.

PA sources said they expect US peace envoy Dennis Ross to arrive in the region soon. Today, a five-member delegation from the US Congress is scheduled to meet with Palestinian Legislative Council members.

PLC members were still grappling yesterday with the repercussions of Sunday's vote by a wide margin to approve the new PA cabinet, which marked a victory for Arafat.

PLC member Hatem Abdul Khader said on the Voice of Palestine radio that he was surprised and dissatisfied but would respect the vote.

The vote enabled several ministers accused of graft and mismanagement to retain their seats and it expanded the cabinet into a 28-member body.

Hassan Asfour, a PLC member named to the new cabinet, predicted it would be more responsive to the legislature and includes politicians with a strong commitment to democracy and clean government.

"I think this was the most important meeting since the establishment [of the PLC]," he said. "This will be regarded as an important page in the history of this nation."

Liat Collins adds:

At yesterday's cabinet meeting, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reported on the attack last week in which two residents of the West Bank settlement of Yitzhar were killed.

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom, Science Minister Silvan Shalom and Deputy Minister Michael Eitan complained that Arafat had not publicly condemned the attack.

March for tolerance

Kiryat Malachi children hold a March Against Racism and for Tolerance yesterday, as part of day camp activity sponsored by the Meimad organization.

Israeli found dead in Tulkarm

By STEVE RODAN

An Israeli money changer was found dead yesterday in the Tulkarm area and his body was transferred by the Palestinian Police to the Israel Police.

The body of a 50-year-old Baka al-Gharbiya resident Mohammed Ahmed Sharafi was transferred from a Palestinian hospital through the regional District Coordinating Office.

Israel Police sources said the dead man was found with bruises around his head and chest apparently caused by a hammer or blunt instrument.

"It looks like it was a robbery," a police spokesman said. "He was found with only NIS 27 and so it looks like the rest was stolen."

The victim, a father of eight, was known as a money changer who travelled with thousands of dollars and dealt with Tulkarm residents.

Baka al-Gharbiya is within several kilometers of Tulkarm and many Israeli Arabs have family and commercial ties with those living in nearby areas controlled by the PA.

Israeli police have asked PA police to provide more details of the case. They said that so far they haven't received more information from PA police.

PA security accused of beating death

By STEVE RODAN

A Palestinian human rights organization said yesterday that a 45-year-old insurance salesman apparently was beaten to death by Palestinian Authority security officers during his interrogation in Jericho prison.

The Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group said Walid Mahmoud Qawasmi, a father of eight and manager of a Bethlehem insurance office, died on Sunday in PA custody. The group said Qawasmi was taken to Jericho hospital with a temperature of 41° Celsius. He died while being transferred to Rafadiya hospital in Nablus.

Qawasmi was arrested on July 25 by the PA General Intelligence service in Hebron. His family was allowed to see him on Friday.

Family members said Qawasmi had difficulty speaking and merely said, "I am innocent."

PA security officials have not released the accusations against him.

The Palestinian human rights group quoted sources who took part in the autopsy as saying Qawasmi died of a brain hemorrhage caused by a skull fracture, which was the resulted of a severe beating.

Family members said Qawasmi's body showed additional signs of torture.

PA General Intelligence officers said Qawasmi died of a heat stroke.

The PA district prosecutor in Jericho said he would investigate.

KENYA

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While Kenyans praised the Israeli team, the US Marines have reportedly been criticized for possibly hampering the rescue.

One Israeli rescuer told The New York Post that American officials called off the search for survivors inside the embassy at nightfall Saturday.

Another Israeli official said he had to fight with the Americans to get permission to place floodlights atop the damaged embassy to illuminate the round-the-clock search.

US Ambassador Prudence Bushnell, who was injured in the attack, said there might have been "some misunderstanding," according to yesterday's editions of The New York Post.

The Marines were trying to protect the site, which could provide evidence about Friday's attack, she said. "It looks as though we're trying to keep people out, but we're trying to keep the site intact."

JORDAN

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The Jordanians' desire for closer links with Teheran is said to be part of a wider picture.

The general trend in the Arab world is to counterbalance Iraq, said Barry Rubin, editor of the Middle East Review of International Affairs.

The US failed to create a system of dual containment and so Arab countries must choose their sides, he said.

Haddadin quit his post after water supplies in the Jordanian capital became contaminated, but some say the water issue was merely a pretext.

"His resignation is an indirect signal that it is time to cool off relations with Israel," Middle East affairs expert Alexander Bligh said.

A source in the Defense Ministry said "Water contamination was only a trigger...

Haddadin has been blamed for obeying [National Infrastructure Minister Ariel] Sharon's commands even though joint projects between the two countries benefit Jordan far more than Israel."

Other senior Israeli officials denied this.

Haddadin's resignation will have no real impact on the relationship between Amman and Jerusalem, one Jerusalem official said.

Haddadin was responsible for Jordan's bilateral infrastructure projects with Israel and worked closely with Sharon.

"He was only an officer, in terms of the relationship between the two countries," said the official. "The instructions come from a much higher level."

Jordanian Ambassador to Israel Omar Rifai was abroad yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian media has been full of reports in recent days suggesting that Israel was deliberately contaminating Jordan's water supply.

The Jordanian opposition party, the Islamic Action Front, is calling for the government to resign over the water affair, charging that Israel was responsible and the peace treaty should be abrogated.

Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir yesterday issued a statement categorically denying this allegation.

"We are supplying Jordan, in accordance with the peace agreement, water from the same source and of the same quality as that received by our own consumers," said Ben-Meir.

CORRECTIONS

- In yesterday's editorial, "Meddling that misfired," the new Vatican appointment concerns the Greek Catholic community, and not as published.
- An error was inserted in a sentence in Efraim Inbar's article, "The Iranian threat reconsidered." It should have read: "While hoping that this process will occur later rather than sooner, we should courageously prepare ourselves now for living in a nuclear crowd."
- The address of the Fatah organization Web site is www.fateh.org and not as published.

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Finance Committee votes today on boosting health fees

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Knesset Finance Committee will today vote on whether the government will levy direct fees for visiting medical specialists and outpatient clinics and to raise payments for prescription drugs.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza reached agreement on a stopgap measure to help the financially pressed health funds, but they said the aid and loans would be granted only if the direct-payment scheme is approved by the committee.

According to the plan, the Treasury will pay the funds over half a billion shekels from this year's budget. The insurers will get this money even if the committee doesn't approve the direct fees scheme today. If the scheme is approved, the Treasury will give the health funds NIS 300m. and advance by a few months their share in health taxes collected by the National Insurance Institute, up to a total of NIS 250m., but they will have to repay this advance by the end of this year.

The four health funds, which have been claiming the Treasury owes them NIS 650m., declined to comment yesterday, saying they had not been given details of the government financing plan.

Kupat Holim Clalit also would not say whether it would be able to pay its 30,000 staffers the remaining 25% of their July pay, which has not been deposited in their bank accounts because of the lack of cash. The unions have said they will institute a reduced Shabbat schedule on Thursday if the remainder of the wages is not paid by then.

Meanwhile, the Meuhedet and Leumit health funds have cut back on their services in the afternoons, and the Maccabi health fund is shutting down its clinics and other services this Friday.

The Pensioners' Association yesterday called on the Finance Committee to reject the government plan and the scheme to charge for visits to doctors. Spokesman Shlomo Givoli called on the country's 700,000 retired persons to refuse to pay any additional health fees that would be levied by the government.

"We can't refuse to pay extra for medications, because then the health funds won't give them to us, but we can rebel against fees for visits to doctors, who are bound to treat patients whether they pay or not," Givoli said. "We have branches in every town, and we will urge our members to rebel. Doctors' fees, coming on top of health taxes, will force many pensioners to choose between buying food and health."

The Finger on the Pulse organization, which represents 30 voluntary groups involved in human rights and health, yesterday demanded that the needed funds be transferred immediately to the insurers – without making it conditional on direct payments by the public.

The Israel Chamber of Commerce argued that, instead of making the public pay more, the government should encourage competition by "giving equal opportunities to private medical institutions."

The Histadrut announced last night that it would call for a "tax revolt" by the public if the government increases health care payments.

Lubotzky, Vilna'i form new social movement

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Third Way MK Alex Lubotzky and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Matan Vilna'i yesterday founded a new movement in Yeroham to focus on social issues and possibly serve as a nucleus for a future center party.

Lubotzky said yesterday he hopes The Third Way will fit into the new center party, if one is eventually formed.

Some 30 prominent people, including representatives from the moderate religious Meimad movement, the Religious Kibbutz Movement, the United Kibbutz Movement, development towns, the IDF, and the academic world met in Yeroham yesterday to define the burning social issues and what they could contribute.

"We also discussed socio-economic issues, the feeling that there is no plan to help the development towns' plight, and the huge disappointment with the political leadership which many feel is not functioning," Lubotzky said.

He said the movement will act to promote and implement the pact between religious and secular people which he had formulated together with Labor MK Yossi Beilin and Meimad rabbis. He suggested a nationwide trip to schools and community centers to bring word of this pact and show people "not everything has to be a world war."

He said the pact could provide the basis for concrete ways to reconcile issues of controversy, starting with the dispute over Sabbath business activity in Tel Aviv Port.

Lubotzky said many people are deterred by politics, and the advantage of this group is that it is not part of any partisan framework. He said he would be glad if Vilna'i joined any party, "because politics badly needs quality people."

He said Vilna'i has not yet decided whether to enter political life. "Vilna'i met all kinds of politicians and many offered him positions without even asking what his positions are. He was amazed by this cynicism," Lubotzky said. "I didn't offer him anything," he added.

Arrests of prison officials linked to Zigelboim murder

Two senior Prisons Service officers were remanded by the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court for five days yesterday, on suspicion they took bribes and favors from prisoners and their families.

Dr. Shimon Weiner, head of the Ayalon Prison medical center, and Farahat Nazia, the director of the unit, are suspected of having taken hundreds of thousands of shekels in bribes in return for issuing false documentation to prisoners.

Police said they believe this investigation could help solve the murder of Dr. Ya'acov Zigelboim, the Prisons Service's chief medical, education, and rehabilitation officer, who was killed in May when a bomb attached to his car blew up.

Weiner, emerging from police questioning yesterday denied any wrongdoing.

Judge Nitza Sha'ashua remanded the two, saying that releasing them could obstruct the investigation.

Prisons Service Commissioner Amos Azani said he believes the affair was confined to the Ayalon medical unit.

"We will replace those people who strayed, and make sure that the Prisons Service stays clear of these phenomena," he said. (Itim)

Archeologists: Route 1 remains are Christian

By AMY KLEIN

Archeologists discovered Christian artifacts yesterday among graves excavated from Route 1 outside Pisgat Ze'ev in northern Jerusalem. They believe the site was part of an ancient Christian cemetery.

As of yesterday afternoon, archeologists had found 34 burial urns, oil lamps illustrated with crosses, as well as glass and jewelry dating to the Byzantine period – between the fifth and sixth centuries.

Moriah – the municipality's construction company – will present the finds to the Jerusalem Rabbinical Council. The municipality had consulted with the haredi organization to find a solution for the bones, which the council believed might belong to Jews. The council's recent ruling – that bones found on the site could be moved – ended a six-month hiatus in construction of the road.

Police yesterday again forcefully dispersed dozens of haredi demonstrators at the site.

Meanwhile, at an excavation site near Ramat Rahel in southeastern Jerusalem, Antiquities Authority archeologists uncovered sections of a water tunnel built during the Hasmonean period in the first century BCE.

The tunnel shows how the Hasmoneans created a regional water supply system for the Temple Mount and all of Jerusalem, said Yonatan Nadelman, head archeologist at the site.

Ali Mallah inspects the damage to his family home in the southern Lebanese village of Ain Qana yesterday, after it was hit by IDF shelling. No casualties were reported. (Reuters)

Roadside bomb kills SLA soldier

By DAVID RUDGE

A South Lebanese Army soldier was killed in a roadside bomb attack in southern Lebanon yesterday. An IDF soldier was lightly hurt and at least one Hizbullah gunman was wounded in a face-to-face confrontation with a soldier earlier in the day.

The bomb attack occurred in the SLA-controlled Jezzine enclave region and prompted swift retaliation in the form of an IAF raid against Hizbullah targets.

The device was detonated alongside SLA troops while they were on operational duties, killing one of them.

The army spokesman said that IAF warplanes later struck at Hizbullah targets east of Jezzine.

The spokesman said that the pilots reported accurate hits on the targets and that all the planes returned safely to their bases.

The Hizbullah gunman was wounded in a face-to-face gunfight with an IDF soldier during an abortive attempt by the organization's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, to overrun the Soujud outpost in the security zone's eastern sector. Late on Sunday night, a Hizbullah squad approached the position, which is normally manned by members of the South Lebanese Army. An IDF unit was in the outpost, however, and the soldiers repulsed the assault without suffering any casualties.

The army spokesman said that one of the Hizbullah gunmen reached a firing position of the outpost, which was manned by an IDF soldier. The soldier's comrades raced to the scene and shot the gunman. He managed to escape, but left behind his rifle and personal equipment.

In a separate incident also on Sunday night, a number of roadside bombs were detonated alongside Givati Brigade troops who were on operational duties in the zone's western sector.

Two devices exploded at first, followed by a third a short while later. There were no casualties as a result of the roadside bomb attacks.

Simultaneously, gunmen opened fire with mortars at the same area; one soldier was lightly wounded and two IDF vehicles were damaged. The wounded soldier was given first aid treatment and returned to his duties.

The incident sparked heavy exchanges in the region which lasted for several hours. News agency reports from Lebanon said that during the exchanges Hizbullah gunmen fired several Katyusha rockets, some of which exploded close to the northern border but did not cross over.

Meanwhile, the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is to convene today at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura to discuss complaints from Israel and Lebanon over breaches of the understandings in recent fighting.

The IDF Spokesman said that one of the complaints lodged by Israel relates to fighting last Thursday during which Hizbullah gunmen fired at least one mortar round across the border. The shell exploded in western Galilee, damaging a bus and two cars.

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Poraz petitions court against Yavin's rehiring

Shinui MK Avraham Poraz petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday, asking it to issue a restraining order against the Israel Broadcasting Authority's employment of Haim Yavin at what he termed an unreasonable annual salary of NIS 1.3 million.

Poraz also said the contract with Yavin is illegal, since the Broadcasting Authority Law limits the wages of its employees to those of other government workers.

Moreover, any deviation must be approved by the Treasury's wage director, he said, and in Yavin's case the wage director refused approval, making the contract null and void.

The IBA said the petition would not change Yavin's status and he would start work September 1 as scheduled. *Itim*

Dozens of youths arrested for drug offenses

Police have arrested dozens of youths from the center of the country for using and dealing drugs over the past few months. Police found marijuana, Ecstasy and other drugs in the youths' homes. Six 16-year-olds have been placed under house arrest until the end of legal proceedings.

Police said criminal records will not be opened against the minors who cooperate with police and do not repeat the offenses before they turn 18. *Itim*

Police wound Taibe resident during chase

Police in Herzliya yesterday shot and wounded a Taibe resident suspected of stealing a truck near Moshav Rishpon. He was taken to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava.

The driver reportedly refused an order to stop, and even sought to force one of the pursuing police cars off the road. An internal investigation is taking place as to why gunfire meant to be directed at the wheels of the truck ended up hitting the driver. *Itim*

Girl swallows poison father meant for self

A four-year-old girl is in serious condition at Rambam Hospital in Haifa after she drank from a bottle of acid Sunday night that her father had prepared so that he could commit suicide.

The father had left the bottle of poison, which is often used to clean toilets, in the family's kitchen, where the girl found it when she woke up in the middle of the night to take a drink.

The father, about 30, was remanded by the Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday for eight days, and was sent for observation.

Police said the girl's life is still in danger. *Itim*

State attorney to decide on Sheves indictment

Supreme Court Justice Dorit Beinish yesterday considered the state attorney's appeal to overturn the Jerusalem District Court's decision to allow publication of classified information in the draft indictment against Shimon Sheves.

Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office under Yitzhak Rabin, allegedly accepted a bribe of NIS 350,000 from a foreign country.

State attorney's representative Nava Ben-Or was instructed by Beinish to decide by this morning whether to indict Sheves or delay. The latter option would force Beinish to decide on the ban, while the former would send the dispute back to the district court. *Itim*

Man awarded NIS 100,000 for impotence drugs

The Haifa District Court yesterday awarded NIS 100,000 to a man who had been injured in a work accident to buy anti-impotence drugs, which are not covered by the health funds.

The sum was part of a total settlement of NIS 3.6 million awarded the man, who had installed elevators for Nehushtan Ltd. As a result of an October 1994 accident, he became paralyzed from the waist down and lost control of his bodily functions.

The man had been working on top of an elevator when it suddenly started to rise, crushing him between the elevator's roof and the building.

The judge found Nehushtan guilty of negligence. *Itim*

Panel to probe plight of mentally ill holocaust survivors

By JUDY SIEGEL

A public committee to investigate claims that Holocaust survivors who are mental patients are being deprived of money and the opportunity to lead decent lives has been appointed by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

Retired deputy president of the Jerusalem District Court Ya'acov Bazak will head the committee.

The two ministers took the step following an investigatory article by Ronel Fisher in *Ma'ariv* last week. He wrote that nearly 1,000 Holocaust survivors who were confined to psychiatric institutions during the early years of the state have been deprived of German reparations, which are instead being held by the Custodian of Absentee Property.

The committee will examine the condition of the survivors, including their medical, rehabilitational, nursing and social care and the functioning of the custodian's fund for care of the patients.

MK Goldman: Confusion reigns at Ramat Hovav

By LIAT COLLINS

Contingency plans for coping with an emergency at the Ramat Hovav toxic waste site are unclear, MK Micha Goldman (Labor), chairman of the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee charged yesterday.

"I asked the police, Environment Ministry, and IDF's Home Front Command to present me an organized file on emergency procedure," Goldman told reporters during a tour of the site.

He said the procedure is unclear and not set out in an orderly fashion.

"In effect, confusion reigns and we can only pray and be thankful that there have not been any disasters so far which required that residents be evacuated," Goldman said.

Scores of local residents, including Beduin, kibbutzniks, residents of Beersheba, and environmental activists protested nearby, carrying banners and yelling slogans, such as: "We won't allow the Negev to be polluted."

Bilha Givon, from the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, said she is skeptical of the committee's ability to help. "Every new [Knesset Interior] committee chairman thinks he will be the one to solve the problems," she said.

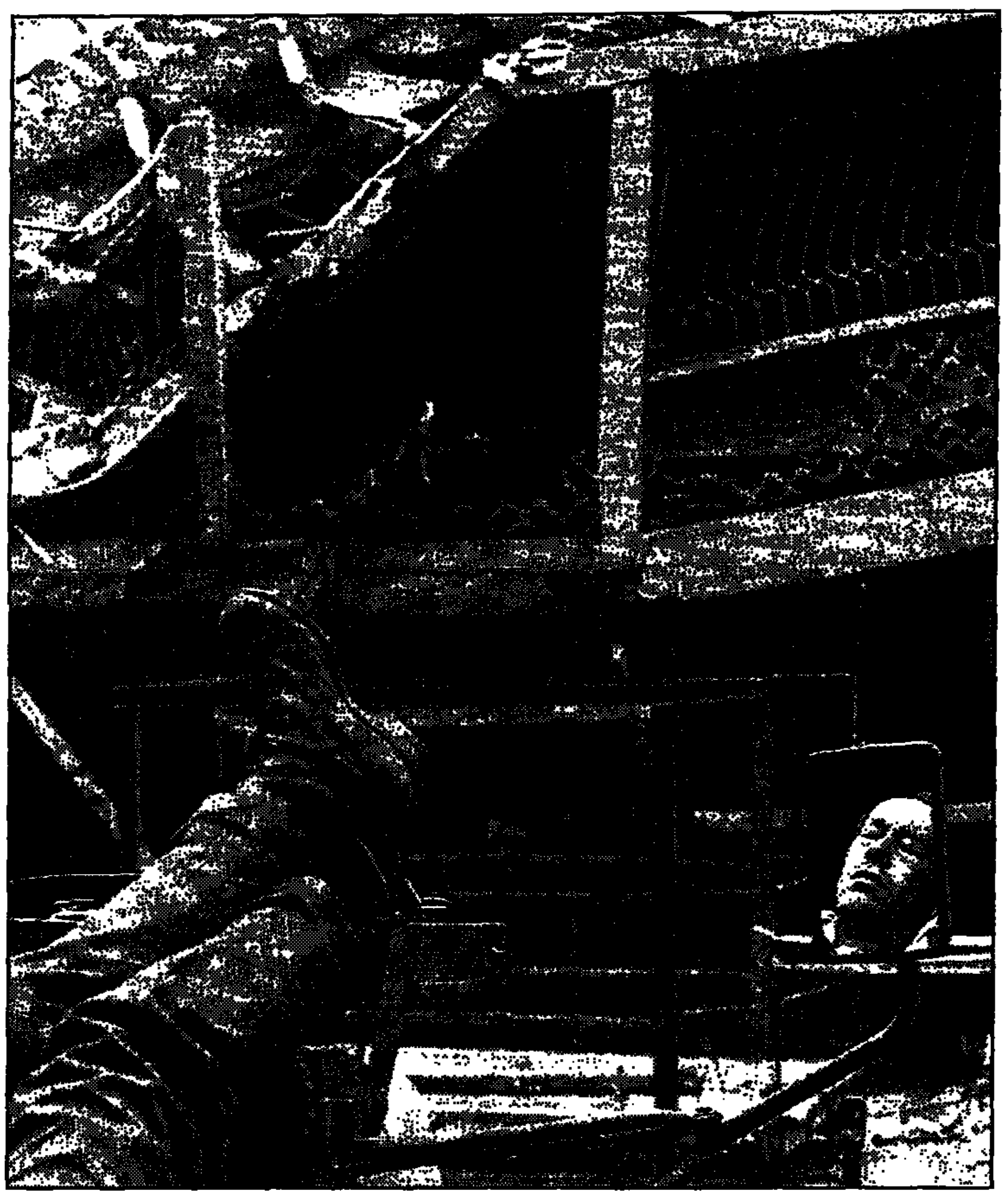
Goldman said he would seek funds to rehabilitate the site and to put the matter on the government's agenda.

Meanwhile, Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen yesterday submitted an urgent request to David Milgrom, responsible for budget allocations in the Finance Ministry, asking for special funds for Ramat Hovav.

Ronen said according to a study in 1996 by GRS, a company specializing in rehabilitating toxic waste sites, Ramat Hovav needs $31.3 million over a three- to five-year period.

Ronen said NIS 13 million are required immediately to reduce the life-threatening risks from the site. She said $100,000 are required to deal with the storage of barrels of hazardous materials at Ramat Hovav, many of them old and leaking, and nearly $1.5 million are needed to treat leaking evaporation ponds containing acidic material.

Some $75,000 are required to deal with air pollution stemming from other treatment ponds and $100,000 are required to deal with material which today is stored at the site without undergoing any treatment – such as the lithium batteries which caused last week's fire.



IDF Sgt. Gregory Krymi takes a nap after a hard day's work at the bombing site in Nairobi, Kenya yesterday. (AP)

MKs to IDF: Stop using foreign workers

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Committee on Foreign Workers demanded yesterday in a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai that the IDF halt the employment of foreign workers at military bases.

The workers, some without permits, have reportedly been employed through sub-contractors to perform jobs in gardening, tidying up and light maintenance.

Committee chairman MK Ophir Pines (Labor) said that using foreign workers for jobs the soldiers themselves have traditionally carried out is not right in moral terms.

"If the army doesn't put an end to this, there will be nothing to stop soldiers bringing the au pair from home to do guard duty, kitchen roster and clean latrines," Pines said.

The committee discussed the matter at a meeting yesterday.

Eli Pinko, in charge of security issues at the Defense Ministry, said the use of foreign workers on military bases in an unsupervised way is "a definite security risk."

Ephraim Cohen, in charge of law enforcement at the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, said the ministry is aware of the problem. Most of the workers are Thais who were brought to Israel to work in agriculture but have illegally moved to other areas.

He said enforcement in the agricultural sector would top the ministry's priorities during the coming work year.

Batya Carmon, the Interior Ministry official in charge of visas, said the phenomenon of employing illegal workers in the IDF is an extension of what is going on elsewhere in Israeli society and the government.

She said the height of absurdity was reached when the Interior Ministry, which is meant to fight the problem, was found to be itself using illegal workers as cleaners in the ministry's offices.

Nairobi rescuer slams 'Hamodia' accusation of 'Shabbat violation'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Prof. Yoel Donchin, an emergency medicine specialist at Hadassah-University Hospital who was part of the team dispatched to Nairobi, spoke out in anger yesterday about the *Hamodia* newspaper, which accused the IDF of "violating the Sabbath to save goyim" by sending the rescue mission to Kenya over Shabbat.

Leaving for Kenya on Shabbat to save people caught in collapsed buildings is a wonderful good deed, Donchin said in an interview yesterday, a day after his return from Nairobi.

Hamodia's comment appeared in its Sunday edition.

"Even finding bodies was a great achievement, as the families would know for sure that they were dead and the bodies would be given a suitable burial," he added.

Donchin said that going to Kenya in an IDF uniform to save human lives "is more of a mitzva than haredim throwing rocks at policemen on Rehov Bar-Ilan and calling them names. But not serving in the army, they have no right to criticize."

He added that the 150-member IDF rescue and medical team, wearing IDF uniforms and accompanied by eight specially trained dogs and equipment marked with the Star of David, aroused much admiration for Israel and the Jewish people not only throughout Kenya but also around the world.

All but 10 members of the team have returned home, leaving a surgeon, orthopedist and anesthesiologists in Kenya's capital to help out exhausted local medical staffers in the two main hospitals treating the injured.

"Luckily, Kenyatta Hospital is just about a kilometer away from the site of the blast," said Donchin, who previously was involved in the treatment of victims at the Jewish community Center bombing in Buenos Aires, which killed 80 people four years ago, as well as the earthquake in Armenia.

Kenyans, who have no experience in picking through collapsed buildings and rescuing survivors, "were wise to let the Israelis do it," Donchin said.

Donchin, who was given a few hours notice by the IDF before flying to Africa on Shabbat, said that "there was hardly a Kenyan physician who hadn't been to a kibbutz or a medical course here, or who had not worked with or met Israelis there. There was much goodwill and appreciation for Israel's rescue efforts."

Israel too, was undoubtedly repaying a debt to Kenya, which served as a base for Israel's raid on Uganda's Entebbe Airport 22 years ago to rescue passengers from an Air France flight hijacked by the PLO.

Donchin praised the efforts of the Home Front Command soldiers who operated heavy equipment and worked by hand, often endangering their own lives, to find the living and the dead under the rubble of the Ufundi Cooperative House office building next to the US Embassy. They rescued a 45-year-old businessman, Freancis Nganga, and a woman from the office building, as well as Grace Ordindo and her 13-year-old son Gabriel, on the 22nd story of a bank some 50 hours after the terror blast.

Lau: 'Pikuah nefesh' applies to non-Jews

By MARNE ROCHESTER

"In any case that there is even the slightest chance of *pikuah nefesh* [saving a life] we regard it as *pikuah nefesh* and not only is it allowed, but the desecration of the Sabbath is required in order to save a person," Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau told Israel Radio yesterday.

He was responding to an article in the haredi newspaper *Hamodia*, which accused the IDF of massive Sabbath desecration in sending a rescue team to Nairobi, following the US Embassy blast there.

Lau said that the principle of *pikuah nefesh* also applies to non-Jews.

"The basis of the law is that one can desecrate one Sabbath so that [the victim] can then observe many Sabbaths. It is clear that that doesn't apply to a non-Jew.

"But the law has been established by many rabbis... who decided over 200 years ago that we are obligated to desecrate the Sabbath in order to save lives of non-Jews."

One of the reasons, he explained, is by a Jew not acting to save a non-Jew on the Sabbath, he could be putting other Jews in danger, especially today, given modern communications.

"It's allowed, needed and obligatory," he said.

"The source of this law of *pikuah nefesh* is exactly such a case as this one, where someone is buried under rubble," [We must act] even if it is not clear whether we can reach him, and even if we don't know – if we can reach him – that he is alive, and even we don't know – if he is alive and we reach him – that he will live.

"In all of these cases, in spite of everything, we are obligated to do everything in order to rescue him."

Lau said that when the IDF performs any operation, rescue or otherwise, on the Sabbath, it gets permission from the IDF chief chaplain, who is more familiar with the details.

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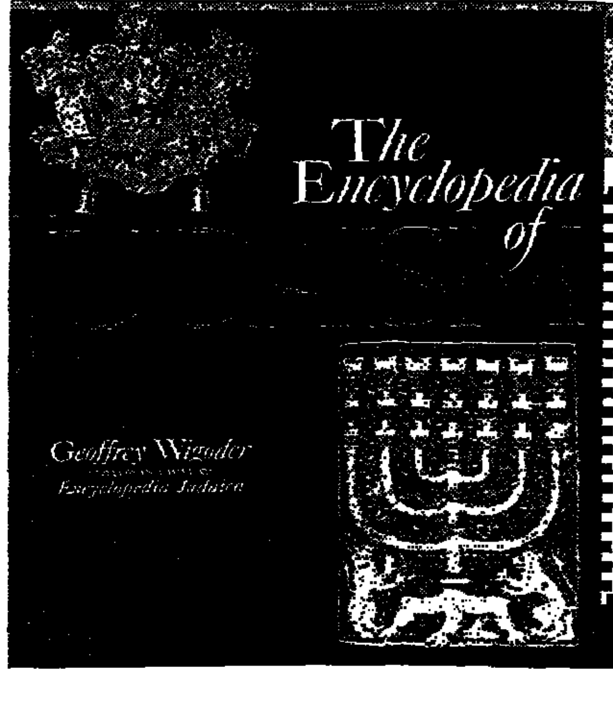

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Food festival

A chef stir-fries vegetables at the food festival in Jerusalem's Finegold Courtyard yesterday. On Monday nights, chefs from restaurants in the area bring their kitchens to the courtyard as part of a festival the municipality sponsors each summer.

(Text: Noga Tarnopolsky; photo: Brian Hendler)

Heat wave ebbs as temperatures drop 8°

By NINA GILBERT

The good news is that the severe heat wave which has paralyzed the country let up a bit yesterday. But for farmers, the bad news is only just beginning.

Temperatures plummeted by close to 8 degrees in inland areas like Jerusalem, resulting in normal hot August weather. A further drop in temperatures is expected today.

Water consumption by farmers rose by 40 percent this week due to the heat wave, the Agriculture Center, an umbrella organization for farmers, said yesterday.

The extra consumption is an estimated 10 million cubic meters, at a cost of some NIS 6 million, according to the center's spokesman, Roni Hassid.

Center director Yoram Tamari said he would ask Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir to increase the allotment to farmers this year due to the extreme heat.

Flower growers said yesterday that the heat had cost them millions of shekels in damages. Ya'acov Sitton, head of the Flower Board, said the heavy heat had faded the colors of flowers about to be picked, which was liable to result in their fetching lower prices on international flower bourses. The flower farmers association said its losses aren't covered by the natural disaster compensation fund for agriculture and it would ask the Agriculture Ministry for compensation.

Milk farmers reported a 10 percent drop in production due to the heat. The decline was minimized by farmers milking cows more frequently and putting large fans in cow sheds.

Honey production also was down 10%.

However, the ministry said yesterday that the reports of damage suffered by farmers were "inflated by the media, with the only notable damage this far suffered by chicken farms."

Ministry spokesman Naftali Yaniv said that David Ginsburg, head of the ministry's natural disaster compensation fund, has reported that there is no real estimate at this time for damage to farmers due to the heavy summer heat. However, according to Ginsburg, a cumulative effect of the summer heat may be apparent later in the season.

The chicken farmers who complained on television about damages they suffered were those who did not take out insurance against heat damage, despite being warned in writing by the ministry to do so, Yaniv said. The government subsidizes this insurance for chicken farmers by 35 percent and those with policies will be fully compensated. A number of farmers with insurance have reported deaths of thousands of chickens to the fund, the ministry said.

A spokesman for the Poultry Board said the insurance, which is optional, only became available a few months ago, and most chicken farmers don't know about it. In previous years, she said, the farmers received natural disaster compensation for heat damage.

Chickens, which are kept in closed quarters whose temperature rose as high as 45 degrees this week, are most sensitive to the heat, Yaniv said.

Crowds stay away from Jubilee Exhibition

By HELEN KAYE

Maybe it was the heat. Maybe it was the Yugoslavia/Russia basketball final, but "maybe it's something else, deeper," said Lea Ganor, one of some 8,000 visitors to the Jubilee Exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds this week.

Relatively few people rattled around the fairgrounds, like grains of rice in a tall jar.

At night, the exhibition is awash with light. Music sounds from various corners; a costumed renaissance trio among the trees, a hip-hop band from the little stage of the Mifal Hapayis booth, jazz from the rest area where one family was having a late picnic on Sunday.

"So few people here," Ganor continued. "It's inhibiting. It can't help but make you think. Sure, the weather doesn't help, but maybe people aren't coming in a sort of silent protest."

She didn't say against what specifically, murmured something about the state of the country.

Ganor, her husband Yair and their three children, her sister Ziva, brother-in-law Itzik Peterman and their three children – all from Kiryat Motzkin – came to the exhibition out of curiosity, she said.

Organizers say that 10,000 people a night have visited on the average since the exhibition opened on August 4.

The adults were taking a breather, perched on the sides of the pool filled with brightly colored plastic balls, where the children were frolicking. The pool is one of several play structures in the National Insurance Institute pavilion, which also has computer stations for children and their families to plumb the secrets of the national insurance.

The exhibition is "impressive," said Lea Ganor.

"But not worth NIS 60 million," interjected her husband. "The money could have been better spent on other things. This is a political exhibition."

Impressions varied from the very negative – "it's like and end-of-year high school display," said one scornful Tel Aviv couple – to the enthusiastic.

Eli and Haviva Jacobs of Efrat immigrated from New York in 1986. They came with their five children, aged two to 11, "and after six hours, they're still well behaved, that's proof of how successful it is," joked Jacobs.

"It's something interesting to do on vacation, but we thought it would be less empty."

Each of the children had their own favorite place. His parents regretted the dominance of the IDF at the exhibition, but nine-year-old Moshe "liked the army best."

His seven-year-old brother Shimon thrilled to the multimedia display the Israel Police mounted, a well-conceived and attended live/movie dramatization of police swooping in on evil-doers.

Jacobs said the exhibition was professional, well-organized and offered a variety of activities and exhibits, a view endorsed enthusiastically by Margalit Ben-Or from Sha'arei Tikva, there with her husband, Amos, and their four children aged four to 13.

"It's a pity there aren't more people here," she said.

"There's more security [personnel] than visitors," observed Ralph Mayer of Rehovot.

The family of five had spent about three hours wandering through the exhibition, which they termed interesting.

Whether or not it is worth its NIS 60 m. cost "hadn't occurred to us," Mayer said.

Only Avraham and Dvora Greenberg of Tel Aviv, riding around on a free scooter provided by the organizers, were bursting with the pride the Jubilee Exhibition of Israeli Achievements is supposed to generate.

"I served in the Armored Corps in 1948, and in the campaigns after that," said Greenberg. "I'm proud of the state, and it's all here, what we've done. We recognize it all."

Heat fells 20 Karmiel factory workers

By DAVID RUDGE

More than 20 women workers at the Delta textile company's Karmiel factory were overcome by the effects of the heat yesterday. Another 55 people in other locales were reported to have fainted from dehydration due to the withering weather.

In Tel Aviv, three people were admitted to the intensive care unit at Ichilov Hospital in "serious" condition from sun-stroke, Itim reported. Their lives are in danger, doctors said.

In Karmiel, a few of the workers fainted and others felt unwell because of the searing temperatures, after a partial breakdown of the central air conditioning unit in the sewing workshop of the plant. The factory employs a total of 300 people.

Management decided to close the entire plant and said it would remain shut today unless the cooling capacity of the air conditioning unit could be boosted.

Magen David Adom paramedic Dudi Abadi said a fleet of five ambulances as well as a mobile intensive care unit were sent to the factory.

"We made them comfortable and gave some of them water and infusions to a few who needed them," Abadi said. "Afterwards, 18 of the 24 who had complained of being unwell were taken in the ambulances to Nahariya government hospital, although they were all only lightly affected," he said.

Meni Gal, deputy director-general of Delta's human resources division, said that all the women workers who were taken to hospital were later released and returned to their homes.

During the course of the incident yesterday morning, an MDA ambulance crew took a worker from another factory at the Karmiel industrial estate to Nahariya hospital after he was found to be suffering from dehydration due to the heat.

Fire closes Jerusalem Mall

By AMY KLEIN

A fire broke out in the Jerusalem Mall in the capital's Malha section yesterday afternoon, lightly injuring five people and sending some 10,000 fleeing outside.

The fire was sparked by the mall's emergency generator, which came on after a power failure. Shoe boxes from a store on the mall's second floor had apparently been stacked near the generator exhaust pipe and were ignited by the heat. Smoke-clearing fans worked only partially because of the power failure, and thick smoke spread throughout the top floors of the three-story mall.

Police and firefighters evacuated the mall, and broke sections of its glass dome ceiling to help clear the smoke.

Two policewomen and two children were treated for minor smoke inhalation.

The fire will cost the mall hundreds of thousands of shekels, mall manager Arik Arad said. The shoe store suffered heavy damage, and adjacent stores also were affected by water and soot.

Mall security guards and border policemen were on guard against looting as the mall remained closed yesterday, while workers cleaned up and assessed the damage.

In Bnei Brak yesterday, four children suffered smoke inhalation when a short-circuit caused a small fire in their apartment. They were taken to Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva.

Ben-Gurion U. opens new int'l health care program

By JUDY SIEGEL

The world's first medical degree program in international health – aimed at teaching students how to provide appropriate medical care for different populations – will begin next month at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba. The innovative program is the result of BGU's collaboration with Columbia University Medical School of New York.

Thirty-six students, who are as diverse as the populations in which they intend to practice, will take part in the program. They were selected from 217 universities and colleges in 36 countries around the world; 41% were born outside of the US. The average age is 25; the oldest is Ahron Milworm, a 35-year-old New Yorker with a bachelor's degree in Judaic studies who will move temporarily to Beersheba with his wife and seven children.

Other students are: Diana Khersonsky, born to Jewish parents in Uzbekistan, who immigrated to Europe and then the US and excelled in psychology and sociology at the University of Texas; Anh Bui, a Vietnam-born woman who wants to work for a humanitarian relief organization in the Third World after getting her medical degree; and Nouri Zalta, a Syrian-born man currently living in the US. All are looking forward to a variety of clinical experiences, including the treatment of Negev Beduin, native-born Israelis, and Russian, Ethiopian and North African immigrants.

The program is headed by Dr. Richard Deckelbaum, head of Columbia's institute of human nutrition and a pediatric gastroenterologist, and Dr. Carmi Margolis, vice dean of medical education at BGU. Deckelbaum was a flying doctor 20 years ago with the Zambia Flying Doctor Service. He has experience in Africa, the Middle East and remote areas of North America.

Margolis notes that BGU's medical school is unique in that it evaluates applicants based on personal qualities such as compassion, leadership and community service, and not solely on the basis of grades and medical school admission test scores.

Graduates of the four-year program will study primary care and cross-cultural, community and preventive medicine, with electives in international public health, health economics and health care policy. The curriculum will be taught mostly in English, with courses in Hebrew before clinical clerkships.

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Hunting the phantoms

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

It is no coincidence that terrorist attacks on homeland America have been solved far more successfully than those against US targets overseas. The keys are crime-scene procedures and mass cooperation.

Notwithstanding the O.J. Simpson fiasco, American crime-scene investigations are undoubtedly the most sophisticated in the world, especially when the FBI is in charge. Even as the rescue and treatment of victims takes priority over all else at a terrorist scene, in the United States, FBI and forensic experts are already at work, guarding what is not in the direct path of rescue workers and quietly ensuring that they do not disturb areas they don't need to.

Like ripples from the attack center, information alerts radiate outward into law-enforcement radios and computers. Hence the right-wing Oklahoma City terrorists were rounded up and the backbone of the case cracked within days.

One of those information ripples transformed a routine traffic arrest into the capture of mass murderer Timothy McVeigh. The New York World Trade Center bombers were captured, convicted and jailed by similar efficient procedures.

Whose turf?

The shooting of CIA employees outside their Langley headquarters in 1993 looked like a tough one – maybe not terrorism, but an all-American nut convinced the CIA and aliens had bugged his television remote. It was difficult, and it took four years, but the FBI finally caught and jailed Mir Amal Kasi.

Outside the USA, the picture is grimmer. Crime scenes get trampled to non-existence, witnesses become saw-nothings and as soon as the FBI arrives, touchy, local bureaucrats make being obnoxious about jurisdiction their main priority.

President Clinton says the bombers of the Nairobi and Dar es Salaam embassies will be brought to justice, no matter how long it takes. Long it may be, barring some lucky break like a videotape from a security camera identifying the bombers quickly.

In September 1984, I recall pondering ruefully and philosophically on a huge security camera lying half buried at my feet in a pile of yellow dust behind the wrecked American embassy in east Beirut. (The one in the west was taken out in April '83.) The camera had been pointing at the front of the embassy where a Lebanese suicide driver shot the guards and thundered onward to detonate his car, which was loaded with Semtex and had a Grad missile strapped underneath.

Off camera

If only the blast hadn't blown the camera off the roof, I thought, in a brief pause from trying to count the charred remains of human beings being ferried out by the Red Cross. As we later found out, the camera had just been installed and wasn't switched on anyway.

This was brought back from the memory banks by a report yesterday that the embassy security camera in Dar es Salaam "might have" caught the arrival of the car bomb there. But only if it was being fed to videotape, and not simply being monitored by security guards on a routine Tanzanian Friday morning.

The bombers of the east Beirut embassy were not caught, nor were those of the west Beirut embassy, the French embassy and the Marine barracks. Everyone knows all the atrocities were most likely the work of the Mugniyah clan of bombers and kidnappers, which operates with impunity and with the collusion of Syria and Iran.

US security chiefs like to say America never forgets its cowardly terrorist enemies who strike from the shadows with zero regard for the innocent people caught up in their exploding savagery. "We'll gettem!" is the motto.

In the public eye, the story is a different one of long-forgotten crimes that have gone unpunished and long-forgotten survivors and bereaved who have seen no justice. The Mounties may always get their man, but only on home ground.

None of the Mugniyah clan has been captured. The named Libyans suspected of destroying Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 have not been captured.

Case dismissed

In the most recent attack on the Americans before Africa, a US military housing complex was bombed in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, two years ago, killing 19 people and injuring 500. No solution.

Saudi involvement in such matters gives the FBI the shudders. Here is an old friend and ally of the US whose very existence has depended on the Americans halting Saddam Hussein's advance down the Gulf. It has tight borders, viciously efficient control over the movement of foreigners and immigrants, and an all-pervasive security service.

This should provide a virtual laboratory for investigating and solving terrorist attacks. But the Saudis are so paranoid about internal dissent, about upsetting "Arab brothers" or powerful Iranians, about being the guardians of Islam, that they treat ordinary police information and forensic evidence like state secrets with geo-political ramifications.

From this comes their disconcerting habit of simply informing American investigators: "Case solved, criminals executed, files closed, go away."

As with most terrorist attacks against Americans overseas, the reality is "case open, criminals shielded, files missing, but go away anyway."

It's called "the international effort to stamp out terrorism."

Leaping into the frying pan

New Clinton press secretary Joseph Lockhart couldn't have picked a more difficult time to become the president's man on the podium for White House press briefings

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS

WASHINGTON – It didn't take Joseph Lockhart long to realize the magnitude of being tapped last month by President Clinton to replace Michael McCurry as White House press secretary.

Seconds after Clinton personally announced the switch, which occurs this fall, and after McCurry left the media briefing room, reporters surrounded Lockhart to shake his hand and ask for interviews.

When Lockhart told the swarm that he probably would not have time to chat because he and his family were about to take off for a London vacation, one reporter shouted, "I'm from the BBC; we could do it in London or Glasgow or wherever. We'll fly you!"

"It's daunting," Lockhart said last week between handshakes and backslaps from well-wishers. "I feel like the poor fool who is going to step in for Michael Jordan next year."

When he joined the White House staff last year, the New York-born Lockhart figured he was ready to step in and fill McCurry's job of being Clinton's voice to the media and the country, doling out information that could sway stock markets or impact foreign relations, not to mention the president's approval ratings. Speculation at the time was that Lockhart was brought on board to succeed McCurry, who as early as last year made no secret of his desire to enter the private sector.

Lockhart, 39, said, "I figured, 'Yeah, I should get the job,' but once I got here, I realized I had a lot to learn."

He said he came to that realization by watching McCurry, who engages in a daily verbal sword fight known as the White House press briefing. McCurry is exploring his options and has not settled on a job.

At the briefing the press secretary stands at the podium atop the long-covered White House swimming pool and fields questions from reporters on a variety of subjects, ranging from rescuing Social Security to nuclear tests in India and Pakistan, to the local woes of the District of Columbia.

But these days most of the questions focus on independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation into whether Clinton had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky and asked her to lie about it.

Lockhart, a veteran of presidential campaigns, said he has plenty of boning up to do on all the issues before he meets the media in his new job.

Since coming to the White House in early 1997, Lockhart has been a trouble-shooter. He oversaw the administration's media handling of the troubled nominations of Alexis Herman as Labor secretary and Bill Lann Lee as the head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. Herman was confirmed after some resistance by Senate Republicans. Lee's nomination stalled, forcing Clinton to appoint him on an interim basis.

MEDIA has always played some role in Lockhart's life. His late father, Ray, was a vice president at NBC. Lockhart's wife, Laura Logan, is a former ABC producer.

A Georgetown University graduate with a degree in European history, Lockhart served as a regional press coordinator for former President Carter's failed 1980 re-election campaign.

He was assistant press secretary for Walter Mondale's unsuccessful presidential bid. In 1988 Lockhart was deputy press secretary for another unsuccessful Democratic presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis.

In the early 1990s Lockhart left the campaign trail for England, where he worked for Sky Television News and covered economics. Lockhart also worked for CNN and ABC.

Lockhart returned to the campaign trail in 1996 as national press secretary for Clinton's re-election campaign.

"You need to have an enormous amount of depth and knowledge of policy and politics," Lockhart said. "Campaigns are one-sided. This is much more intricate and delicate. I don't pretend for a second to have ... (McCurry's) expertise and knowledge." But he had the smarts to ask for the same direct access to Clinton that McCurry has before accepting the $125,000-a-year press secretary position.

"I wanted Mike's deal with access – he has it when he wants it, whenever he needs it," Lockhart said. "You don't abuse it. You protect it by using it wisely."

Despite his access, McCurry has had a "don't ask, don't tell" policy with Clinton and administration officials when it comes to the Lewinsky matter: McCurry didn't ask Clinton questions about it, so he couldn't provide reporters concrete answers. McCurry said he did that to avoid being hauled before Starr's grand jury.

Asked if he would continue McCurry's policy, Lockhart said, "I really haven't thought through whether to insert or extricate myself from the situation."

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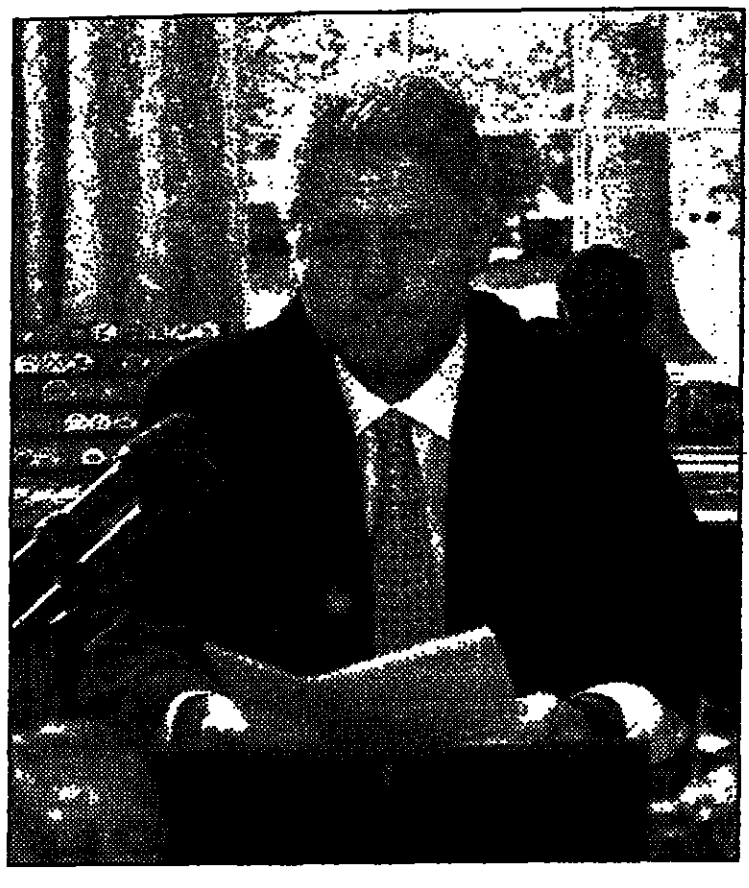

Lockhart is set to assume the daunting task of being President Clinton's voice to the media and the world, doling out information that could sway stock markets or impact foreign relations, not to mention the president's approval ratings. (AP)

Foreign press scorn Monica media circus

By HOWARD KURTZ

WASHINGTON – Thought you'd heard every possible iteration, every conceivable angle, every carping commentary imaginable on the Monica Lewinsky saga? Guess again. The foreign press sees the scandal through different cultural lenses. Take Bahrain's Akhbar Al-Khalij.

"Is she a prostitute looking for a market after she failed to find it at the White House? Is she a bait dropped by the CIA to damage the picture of the president because he crossed the red line? Is she an element of a foreign intelligence party, perhaps Israel, recruited to shake the White House because its occupant said no to something it asked for?" (Clearly, America's gumshoes have missed the possible CIA involvement.)

A review of global Lewinsky analysis, culled from summaries by the US Information Agency, suggests that our summer soap opera has transfixed, infuriated and amused the world, and stoked fears of serious repercussions. Some foreign outlets blame – who else? – the journalists. Herein some selections:

"The American media, so pompous and sanctimonious, is still in a feeding frenzy on Clinton's dalliances, piously bleating about his 'lying' or suborning to perjury. Give us a break," says the *Philippine Star*.... "What a tawdry, silly episode."

There are plenty of other targets, fraught with geopolitical significance.

Germany's *Berliner Zeitung*: "Monica Lewinsky is increasingly turning into an influential figure in the tense triangular relationship among Iraq, the United Nations and the United States."

France's *Le Figaro*: "Wake up, Washington and Jefferson, they've gone crazy."

Britain's *Independent*: "It is not that Americans are sexually prudish, but a growing number of them are horrified by what this man has done to the reputation of the office they revere."

Germany's *Rheinische Post*: "Special prosecutor Kenneth Starr is a crusader with a mania to prosecute.... Whatever the outcome of this Olympiad of tastelessness, it will change America."

Italy's *Corriere della Sera*: "In silence, Hillary has taken the leadership in resolving the crisis."

Belgium's *De Morgen*: "What is more tempting for the public than the possibility that a God is on the verge of being chased from Olympus?... Why does Clinton have all this trouble with something which is, in essence, a bagatelle?.... The result is almost Kafkaesque."

India's *Indian Express*: "One will have to await the verdict of history to see if Monica Lewinsky will end up being portrayed as a naive ingenue besotted by the power of the presidency or a conniving tramp just out to have a ball. But for now, she is an apt metaphor for a confused Generation X-er torn asunder by a dysfunctional family."

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Some foreign outlets blame – who else – the journalists for the Lewinsky soap opera. Last week more than 100 reporters and 22 satellite trucks were assembled outside as the former White House intern testified before a grand jury. (AP)

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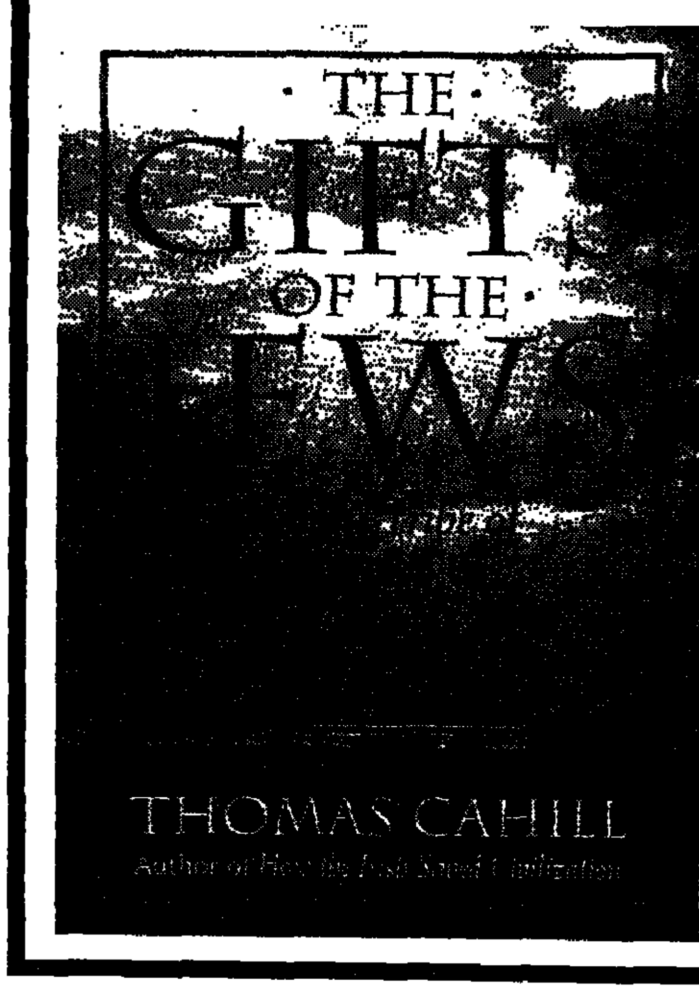

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10 Serb policemen killed

PRISTINA, Serbia (Reuters) – Serb sources said ethnic Albanian guerrillas killed 10 policemen in the Serbian province of Kosovo as diplomatic efforts continued yesterday to end the violence.

Serbian police sources said six policemen were killed in overnight clashes near a lake but did not specify the location.

Earlier, the Serbian-run Pristina media center said four policemen were killed and three were wounded while on patrol on Sunday in the Decani area, near the Albanian border.

The center also reported that three members of the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army were killed yesterday in a clash with police.

More than 500 people have been killed since fighting began six months ago in Kosovo, where guerrillas are battling for independence for the province whose population is 90 percent ethnic Albanian.

US ambassador Chris Hill, who has been working for weeks to try to bring the Serb and ethnic Albanian sides together, was in the provincial capital Pristina yesterday to see Ibrahim Rugova, leader of the Kosovo Albanians, and Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister Nikola Sainovic. There was no immediate word on their discussions and Hill left without making any statements to reporters.

Political sources said it was assumed they would talk about a peace plan submitted by the six-nation Contact Group.

The Serbian media center said the four policemen were killed in the village of Prilep on the Decani-Djakovica road.

Queen honors poet laureate Ted Hughes

LONDON (AP) – Queen Elizabeth II has awarded the poet laureate, Ted Hughes, one of the country's highest honors, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

Hughes, who has been poet laureate since 1984, was made a member of the Order of Merit, one of the few honors the queen can bestow without consulting the government.

Hughes, 68, won critical acclaim this year for *Birthday Letters* a volume of poems chronicling his courtship and marriage to American poet Sylvia Plath, who committed suicide in 1963 after he left her for another woman.

Critics called it one of Hughes' best works and said it places him alongside Blake, Keats and Auden in the poets' pantheon.

In his role as poet laureate, Hughes has written works for the queen's 60th birthday and the Queen Mother Elizabeth's 90th birthday. A collection of poems for official occasions was published as *Rain-Charm for the Duchy and other Laureate Poems.*

The Order of Merit was established in 1902 as a special mark of honor awarded by the sovereign to individuals of exceptional distinction. There is no title, but members can write the initials O.M., after their names.

Eager to serve

A soldier of the Democratic Republic of the Congo yesterday tries to calm excited volunteers anxious to join President Laurent Kabila's forces outside the main soccer stadium in Kinshasa, where troops are being recruited. Troops loyal to Kabila have ejected Tutsi-led rebels from the western port of Boma and are advancing on rebel positions in the east, state radio and senior officials said yesterday. (Reuters)

Afghan opposition faults 'traitors' for Taleban takeover of northern city

By SAYED SALAHUDDIN

KABUL (Reuters) – Afghanistan's opposition alliance blamed "traitors" yesterday for the loss of a strategic northern city to the purist Islamic Taleban, as fighting raged on a separate front near Kabul.

The city of Mazar-i-Sharif was the latest prize to fall to the Taleban militia in a series of spectacular victories in Afghanistan's civil war. Iran accused the Taleban of capturing 11 of its diplomats there and demanded their urgent release.

The opposition, however, still claimed to control the airport in Mazar.

"The city is not entirely with the Taleban. Fighting has scattered now and is raging intensely," Azizullah Shafak, a spokesman for the Shi'ite faction of Hezb-i-Wahdat, said by telephone from the north.

"We control the airport but there is fighting around it," Shafak said.

He said the fall of Mazar was made possible after some opposition commanders switched sides to the militia, but it would be hard for the Taleban to hold the city for long.

"In Mazar, the Taleban managed to enter the city by the help of some traitors but north of Kabul and west of it, they could not do anything last night and that shows that nobody can solve the problem by fighting," he said.

Taleban officials said they had Mazar and its airport firmly under control and there was no fighting in or around the city.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted parliament speaker Ali Akbar Natek Nouri as condemning the abduction of the 11 diplomats. He said Iran held the Taleban responsible for their safety.

"The captivity of the Iranian diplomats is an uninterpretable act which contradicts international regulations," Natek Nouri said.

"We seek a speedy end to this act...We also ask the Iranian Foreign Ministry to take swift measures for the release of the Iranian diplomats."

The Taleban briefly seized Mazar last year but attempts to impose their version of strict Islamic law created resentment among independent Uzbeks there, accustomed to more liberal religious practice.

The purist militia were driven out of the city, suffering losses running into thousands.

This time, Taleban officials say they have disarmed local and opposition groups to avoid a repeat of that bloody defeat.

Gore: July hottest month in modern history

July was the hottest month on record around the world and reflects a dangerous trend certain to get worse unless steps are taken to stop global warming, US Vice President Al Gore said yesterday in Washington.

According to new data compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the average global temperature last month was 61.7 degrees Fahrenheit (16 degrees Celsius), 1.26 degrees higher than the long-term average for July and 0.45 degrees higher that the previous record for the month, set last year.

"This was the hottest July in the history of the world since modern records have been kept," Gore said in releasing the data at the White House.

"July wasn't just the hottest July on record, it was the hottest month on record, period. The hottest month since we began keep reliable records more than 118 years ago," Gore said.

Gore, who helped break a stalemate at a United Nations conference on global warming that was held last year in Kyoto, Japan, warned that the heat waves, droughts, powerful storms and flooding that have struck parts of the US and the world this year will get worse unless greenhouse gas emissions are controlled.

"You don't have to be a scientist to know it's been dangerously hot this summer," Gore said in urging the US Congress to back moves to stop global warming.

He cited the plight of Texas, which was scorched by triple-digit temperatures for 29 consecutive days this summer.

Severe flooding, storms and tornadoes hit the Midwest and other parts of the country have also seen extreme conditions.

A broad cross-section of scientists say that higher temperatures on the earth's surface stem from gas emissions trapped in the atmosphere and causing more severe weather patterns.

Noting that record high monthly temperatures have been recorded each month since January, Gore warned of the "risk that we will suffer even more of these natural disasters in the future because there is growing evidence that we are dangerously warming our planet.

"Now when you break the record every single month, seven months in a row, it is really hard to ignore the fact that something is going on, and what that something is, is global warming," Gore said.

"The good news is we can stop this," he said. "We know what to do ... It'll be hard, but we can do something about it. If we don't do something about it, then what we've been experiencing this summer ... is going to get to be a lot more common and it will get worse."

The Kyoto pact signed last December calls for industrial nations to cut greenhouse gas emissions by an average of five percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010.

US opponents say the treaty – which must be ratified by the Senate to become binding – would hurt the US economy and favors developing nations.

The White House has decided to delay submitting the treaty to the Senate until it convinces developing nations, including China, to accept limits on emissions.

In many countries, meanwhile, August weather has been equally punishing.

Fifty-two died and hundreds more were rushed to hospital over the past three days as a scorching heat wave that began last week continued to grip Cyprus, authorities on the Mediterranean island said yesterday.

Almost all the victims were elderly people over the age of 70 and with chronic health problems.

Hundreds of people were admitted to hospitals suffering from dehydration and sunstroke, the authorities said.

Most of the deaths occurred in the southeastern coastal region of Larnaca, where abnormally high temperatures were combined with high humidity levels, the health ministry said.

Witnesses at the local hospital said its mortuary was crowded with corpses and workers were forced to wear masks. (Reuters)

10 hospitalized in Japan after drinking suspect green tea

By CHESTER DAWSON

TOKYO (AP) – In Japan's latest poisoning scare, police had few clues yesterday to what caused 10 company employees to suffer nausea and numbness after drinking green tea made from a communal water heating pot.

The incident occurred two weeks after four people died from eating curry laced with cyanide and arsenic at a festival in southwestern Japan.

A hospital spokesman said doctors suspected some kind of poisonous chemical, but police were not immediately able to determine what it was.

The case in Niigata, 256 kilometers northwest of Tokyo, again shook Japan's cherished sense of security and was the top item on Japanese television news broadcasts.

Commentators worried about copycat attacks in coming weeks.

Although Japan has one of the lowest crime rates in the world, one unusual crime is often followed by a spate of similar incidents in subsequent months.

Japan has become particularly sensitive to poisonings in the wake of a March 1995 nerve gas attack on Tokyo subways masterminded by a fringe religious cult. The gassing killed 12 people.

Yesterday morning, emergency medical authorities received a call from a branch factory office of Xyence Co., a wood preservative company, near Niigata, said Toshihide Watanabe, a spokesman for the Niigata municipal fire department.

Ten of the 13 employees in the office were taken to local hospitals after drinking hot tea, Watanabe said.

Of the seven taken to Niigata City General Hospital, two had pre-existing ailments such as asthma and were affected more seriously than the others, the hospital spokesman said.

All seven were in stable condition, but continued to suffer from headaches and numbness, he added.

Police found initial indications of cyanide, but none showed up later in more thorough tests of the water in the electric pot.

Bell Atlantic workers strike as negotiations continue

By CHELSEA J. CARTER

NEW YORK (AP) – Bell Atlantic workers marched in picket lines yesterday, the first business day of the strike against the telephone company that stretches from Maine to Virginia.

Officials of the company, the Communications Workers of America, and union officials continued meeting yesterday in New York and Washington in efforts to end their stalemate over a proposed three-year contract, which workers say fails to offer job security.

"We think we have a fair offer ... that includes a significant increase in benefits and wages, and it continues the best job security provisions in the country," said Bell Atlantic spokesman Steve Marcus. "I can't characterize the talks except to say both the company and the union are working very hard to resolve this."

Bell Atlantic serves 27 million customers in 13 Eastern states and Washington, DC, with telecommunications, wireless communications, cable and digital TV, and Internet and data services. The company, originally one of several regional phone companies, or Baby Bells, spun off from AT-and-T in 1984, recently announced plans to merge with GTE Corp.

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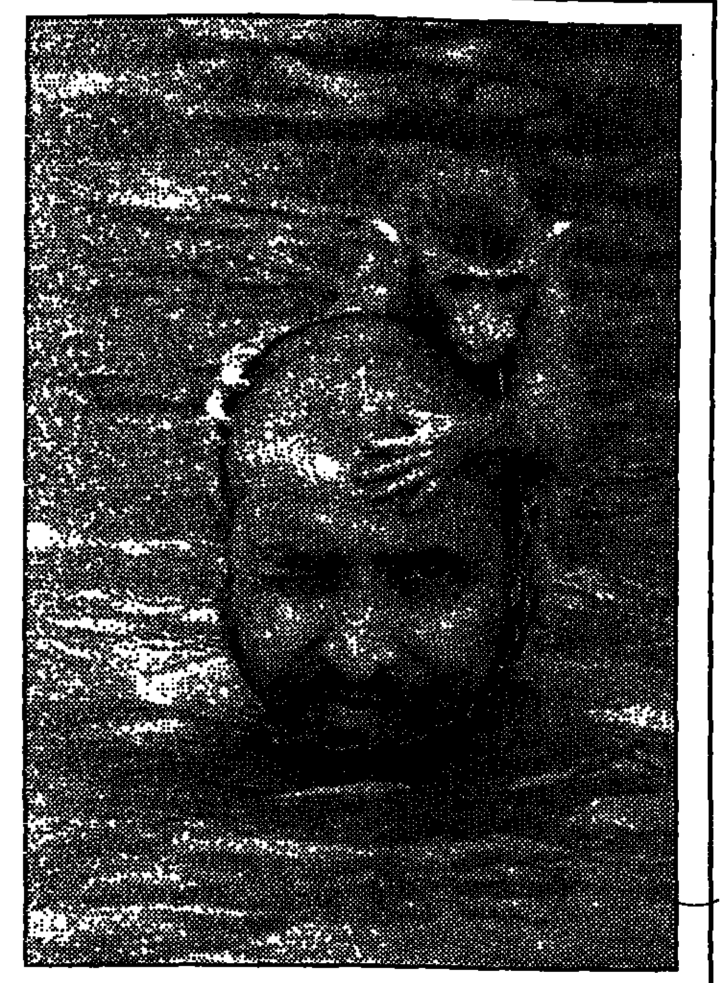

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A man carries his pet monkey on his head while swimming in flood waters in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The floods, which have claimed more than 300 lives and left millions marooned, will take months to dry out fully. (Reuters)

Cataloging Cambodia's dark past

By DAVID LAMB

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia – In a low-rent office full of computers and file cabinets, a group of young volunteers is doing the job no one in Cambodia wanted to touch – cataloging a genocide.

It is a high-risk undertaking, conducted in partnership with Yale University Law School, because there are people in Cambodia, including some senior members of government, who have a lot to lose if they are linked to the Khmer Rouge's mass killings of 1975-79.

The Documentation Center of Cambodia, established in 1994 and supported by shoestring grants from the US State Department, Norway and Yale, has collected 325,000 pages of original documents so far, and day by day it is shedding new light on the nightmare that claimed the lives of more than a million Cambodians.

"I cannot find the words in English – or my own language – to describe the suffering we went through," said center director Youk Chhang, 37, who, unlike his brother and sister, survived "the killing fields." Chhang later went on to earn a degree in political science from the University of Dallas.

The 1975-79 period has been expunged from Cambodia's history textbooks as if it never existed. But Chhang said he hopes that a serious study of the era, using research that the center is cataloging and will eventually make available on the Internet, will enable Cambodia to come to grips with its past and lead to trials of the senior Khmer Rouge commanders in an international court.

"People find this period so painful, they keep it inside and do not speak about it," he said.

"But it's important that we deal with it psychologically and that research helps us know the importance of the rule of law so it can't happen again. If you don't punish someone for killing, how can you punish anyone for stealing a motor scooter?

"We also need a legal end to the Khmer Rouge to end the nightmare," he said. "We need genocide justice in a court of law. And this research could provide the basis of that case."

The Cambodian government says it supports international calls to try the senior commanders, and although Western diplomats do not put much faith in the statement, US initiatives to convene a tribunal do appear to be gaining momentum, political analysts said.

"I've been following this as a matter of professional obsession for seven years, and the chances of convening a tribunal are looking very good," said Craig Etcheson, an American who was former director of the Documentation Center.

Even today, many young Cambodians do not believe that Cambodians were responsible for the genocide. They think that the killings were carried out by Vietnamese, Chinese or American agents. It is not an opinion held for long by Cambodian students who have taken tours of the Documentation Center.

Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, who died of an apparent heart attack in April, was inspired by Stalin and by Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution. A radical Communist, he abolished money, emptied the cities and declared the beginning of Year Zero when his peasant army marched into Phnom Penh on April 17, 1975.

In his attempt to "purify" Cambodia, anyone tainted by foreign influence – and that included those who wore spectacles, had a higher education or belonged to the middle class – was marked for death. Tens of thousands of others were worked to death on collective farms or died of starvation. Pol Pot's reign of terror ended in 1979 when Vietnam invaded Cambodia.

The Documentation Center, whose slogan is "Searching for the Truth," operates with the approval of the government and is purely a research organization, making no attempt to analyze its data.

With 25 volunteers, Chhang has created a huge database that includes oral histories of survivors, profiles of Khmer Rouge cadre, photographs, maps, letters, songs sung by Pol Pot's peasant army and hundreds of personal diaries kept by the young guerrillas.

Inside one journal, amid notes on proper techniques for shooting and sketches of swans, is an unsent letter a Khmer Rouge boy-soldier had written to his father in September 1978: "You are always in my heart. Please don't worry about me. I am here to protect our country, to protect our people. How is our village? How is my cow?"

Taped to a file cabinet near Chhang's desk is a 1986 photograph of Pol Pot, holding his young daughter and looking every bit like the adoring father.

"You wonder," Chhang said, "how any father could be responsible for what happened in Cambodia." (Los Angeles Times)

During the Khmer Rouge's mass killings of 1975-79, this was part of everyday life: Refugees pass a dead man near Phnom Penh. (UPI)

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On Channel 1 tonight:

In search of romantic bliss

By BARRY DAVIS

For diehard fans of American sitcoms, the new seven-part season of *Dream On* makes a welcome return (weeknights on Channel 1 at 11, starting tonight).

For those less familiar with the intricacies of a plot overseen by a certain John Landis – of *The Blues Brothers* fame – the series can be placed in the light-entertainment category, but with one not-so-subtle difference.

While giving the initial impression of light entertainment "for the whole family," *Dream On*, starring Brian Benben, has a prevalent sexual flavor, centering on main character Martin's problematic relationships with the opposite gender. This, more often than not, involves at least one attempt to consummate the liaison, with a modicum of nudity thrown in for good measure.

Martin's seeming inability to communicate on a responsible and mature level is highlighted by frequent flashbacks to scenes from TV series he saw as a kid, which succinctly describe his innermost feelings on whatever predicament he happens to find himself in.

As his hopes of bliss – of the eternal or more transient variety – soar, we are treated to a black-and-white celluloid scene featuring something akin to an intertwined Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. Alternatively, Abbott and Costello are likely to show up in a monochrome pictorial thought bubble if our hero's funny bone is stimulated.

Martin's obvious low self-esteem – which any shrink will tell you is the reason for his unceasing search for female company – is in a constant state of flux, ebbing and flowing with the frequency of his "conquests."

The one constant anchor figure in poor Martin's life is his long-suffering, yet always forgiving, ex-wife Judith (Wendy Malick, now on cable's *Just Shoot Me.*) But are Judith and Martin just proverbial "good friends" or is there something just a mite sexual in their relationship? The viewer is never quite allowed to make his or her mind up about it.

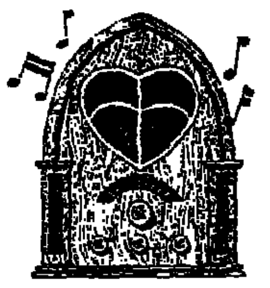
What does the new season have in store? Judging by the first offering, the answer is an unequivocal "more of the same." Once again, Martin's sexual identity, nay his very existence as a warm-blooded male, is brought sharply into question when an old friend – of the female variety – arrives in town, only to dash Martin's designs on her with a shocking confession.

The actors' off-the-cuff and typical sitcom patter is sometimes deceptive, as we are time and again caught unawares by a line or two of obvious "adult" significance. But the accent is clearly on entertainment and, as long as the viewer is ready to just chill out, *Dream On* amply achieves its

Martin (Brian Benben) and Judith (Wendy Malick) are at loggerheads again in 'Dream On.'

Beach Boy Brian Wilson's hollow echo of the past

In Tune



By David Brinn

The endless summer may not remain a myth if Brian Wilson has anything to say about it. The troubled mastermind of The Beach Boys pops up once every decade or so, hinting that he's back to reclaim his position as the great American chronicler of Californian sun and sound.

But the Beach Boys' magic relied on a combination of youthful enthusiasm and innocence, as funneled through the insightful prism of Wilson's fragile psyche. That psyche has been through the wringer a few times since then, and Wilson is now lucky to be able to put together a modest collection of songs that are but a hollow echo of his career heights.

IMAGINATION
Brian Wilson
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(NMC)

Imagination sounds like an easy-listening version of a Beach Boys album, probably due to producer Joe Thomas who worked gold magic for Alan Parsons and Chicago's Peter Cetera, among others.

The title track attempts to recreate the Spectorish wall of sound and harmony that Wilson copied on many of the early Beach Boys tracks, and succeeds in a pristine sort of way.

From there, it's downhill: nondescript mid-tempo pop-rockers and ballads one after the another, distinguished only by Wilson's trademark harmonies which still sound "Good Vibration"-sharp. The production tricks he cops from the Beach Boys' past like glockenspiels, orchestrations and organ triplets only highlight the weakness of the material. The nadir must be "South American," a bouncy collaboration with Jimmy Buffet, which fails to even match the meager standard set by its prototype Beach Boys late-1980s comeback hit "Kokomo."

You know things are in trouble when near the end of the disc, a faithful cover of the classic Boys' tune "Let Him Run Wild" clearly overpowers everything that came before it.

Poor Brian – he was considered a man out of time back then, and *Imagination* reinforces the feeling that he wasn't made for these times, either.

THE CALL was one of the more interesting post-punk bands of the 1980s, combining a rootsy, rustic quality with the fiery activism of The Clash. While never achieving great commercial success, the California band retained its integrity until its demise in the early 1990s.

Now leader and main songwriter Michael Been has regrouped his former mates for *To Heaven and Back*, a comeback effort that, while far from an embarrassment that many such gatherings are, fails to recapture the band at its most vital.

Most of their original spark has been replaced by craft, which means that while the disc is full of appealing guitar rock that continues to ape their British influences, it rarely catches fire and burns. Still socially aware on tracks like "Become America" and "World On Fire," Been also turns inward on "Confession" and "Soaring Bird," proving that like all rock 'n' roll activists before him, the change must start at home.

Brian Wilson

This is a minor pleasure that is pleasing more for what it succeeded in avoiding than for what it actually provides.

TRUTH in advertising: the sticker accompanying Latin Mix USA reads "13 solid Latin-flavored dance hits from the hottest stars in all the Americas!" That boast is hard to deny, with the rhythm-heavy sounds of Ricky Martin, Wyclef Jean and a slew of other dance-based artists demonstrating how to shake that thang.

Most of the tracks are remixes or radio mixes meaning there's prolonged jamming, extensive echo, larger-than-life percussion and a big hip-hop influence.

But for the dancing fool, the longer the songs go on the better. And in the current heat wave, we might as well imagine we're down on an island, drinking rum from a coconut. Latin Mix USA seems to never stop in its quest to help us reach those goals.

Culture Club's 'nostalgia trip'

Culture Club's reunion couldn't have come at a better time for rock. So says lead singer Boy George, never one to stifle an opinion.

"There is a serious lack of theater in rock 'n' roll," says George, 37, in an interview from Virginia Beach, Virginia. "Great songs are being written all the time, but there's a real lack of color and vibrance."

Enter Culture Club, the colorful band from the '80s, now on "The Big Rewind Tour" featuring fellow synth-pop '80s acts the Human League and Howard Jones.

"It's a nostalgia trip, there's no way of avoiding that," says George of the tour, the band's first in 13 years. "In terms of the theatrical aspects of Culture Club, and my character, there isn't really much competition in the music business right now. There's only Marilyn Manson. He's the only person with a hot look."

Makeup techniques aside, George says Culture Club sounds better than ever. Of course, he adds, "We used to be terrible live. We were awful."

Part of the improvement is the augmentation of the original quartet of George, guitarist Roy Hay, bassist Michael Craig and drummer Jon Moss.

"We always had extra musicians," says the flamboyant singer born George O'Dowd. "But one of the things we never had in the old days was a percussion player, which was really stupid, because there was so much percussion in our stuff."

That stuff included such hits as "Karma Chameleon," "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" and "I'll Tumble 4 Ya." Maturity has helped his interpretations of songs as well, he says. "I feel much more qualified to sing certain songs than I did 10 to 15 years ago."

But maturity was also behind the reunion of the group, which came together after a bitter dissolution. Part of it revolved around George's relationship with Moss.

As detailed in his 1995 autobiography, "Take It Like a Man," drugs only made things worse.

"It's always the thing that tears things apart with any band," says George, who admitted a heroin addiction in 1986.

The reunion was egged on by a popular VH1 "Behind the Music" episode in which the Culture Club soap opera was laid bare. And it is, because of the personal intrigue, at least as tangled emotionally as the Fleetwood Mac reunion.

"In a way, there is a huge similarity," says George. "You know, Stevie Nicks was singing songs written by her ex-lover about their own breakup. 'You Can Go Your Own Way.' Stuff like that.

The reconvened Culture Club is getting along, George says, "but it's not like we've had any Oprah Winfrey-type confessionalism. We've literally carried on where we left off.

"There are all sorts of underlying elements, and things that haven't been said, and probably never will be said," George says.

"The others don't do confrontation very well. So I've had to learn to control my responses to things and try not to be deliberately confrontational. But that's a battle for me," he says. "A daily battle."

Culture Club has not been one to harbor secrets in its songs or its lifestyles. While, say, George Michael denied for years his homosexuality, Boy George's gayness was obvious from the first record sleeve.

In many ways, Culture Club kicked open the door to coming out in rock 'n' roll, more than a decade before it was OK to do so in a TV sitcom.

But the tolerance landscape hasn't changed that much in the intervening years, George says. "A lot of people have this very naive assumption that the world's become a much more liberal place. But I'm not of that opinion.

"Yeah, some doors were kicked down. But I think they've been put up again. There's kind of a surface acceptance of the gay persona. When you get down to it, people are no more comfortable with the nitty gritty of gay life than they were 20 years ago."

(The Hartford Courant)

How opera succeeds without an orchestra

OPERA REVIEW

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The charm of opera lies in the unmatched combination of music and theater on a huge stage with grandiose sets, lavish costumes and a pit orchestra. Lose one of these ingredients and you might be in trouble.

But how can one explain the success of an unique Israeli operatic summer experience where a piano replaces the orchestra, there are almost no costumes to speak of and design is virtually nonexistent?

The answer is in the magic of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute's summer opera program whose major asset is an enthusiastic loyal audience that screams, yells and applauds without any artistic discrimination whatsoever.

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Over the years some of the productions have been pure magic, for example *Werther*, *I Capuleti ed i Montecchi* and last summer's *Yevgeni Onegin*. Others were less than memorable. The point is that this is a student program and everything should be taken in proportion – successes and failures alike.

There were several delights in this summer's program, first and foremost watching young Israeli opera singers try their luck with a new role. Marina Shemesh gave the audience a docile soprano as Gilda in *Rigoletto*, and Edna Prochnick rendered a sexy lush mezzo as Maddalena in the same opera. Dan Etinger was full of charming joie de vivre as Rossini's factotum Figaro in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*.

Marina Shemesh sings the part of Gilda in 'Rigoletto.'

The experience these singers gain from learning the roles and performing is priceless. And one can excuse, to a point, poor execution of minor roles or bad conducting.

In Cilea's *Adriana Lecouvreur* the large supporting cast simply did not match up to the leading trio of Larisa Tetuev in the title role, Yevgeni Shapovalov as her lover and Susanna Poretsky as the princess who comes between the two. The three singers were in their very best form and their performance was more than enjoyable.

But there were less intriguing evenings as well. The less said about the poor dramatic and musical presentation of Mozart's *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* the better, and although John Norris succeeded in adding theatrical excitement to *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, this was one of the poorest musical productions of the program.

And then there was the larger-than-life production of Monteverdi's *Orfeo* which for the first time in the program's history featured an orchestra as well. And while the exercise was indeed intriguing and the music gorgeous, the musical singing style was more Verdi than Monteverdi.

Kudos to two of the program's pianists who showed that even without an orchestra, opera can maintain its excitement and grandeur. Linda Hall played *Adriana Lecouvreur* as if she was the orchestra herself, and the young and very talented Israeli Liora Maurer breathed life into *Rigoletto*. However, more than a few of the other pianists played in a rather embarrassing way.

Performing in small auditorium, and without having to project over the orchestra, even the mediocre singers sounded good. .

Still, the audience must remember that, although entertaining, these student projects are not the real thing.

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The PA cabinet shakedown

On a February morning in 1937, US president Franklin Roosevelt told his stunned cabinet that at noon that day he would propose increasing the size of the Supreme Court by six justices. America's democratic system was strong enough to summarily reject Roosevelt's infamous "court-packing" plan; on Sunday the Palestinian Legislative Council may have ensured the stillbirth of Palestinian democracy by affirming Yasser Arafat's "cabinet-packing" scheme.

For a year, the PLC, the first popularly elected body in Palestinian history, battled against corruption in the Palestinian Authority. After a PLC audit of government spending found that nearly half the annual $800 million PA budget was being lost to waste and corruption, the council demanded a cabinet shakeup. In particular, the PLC report recommended that Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi, and Transportation Minister Ali Qawasmeh be prosecuted for graft.

Arafat's response was more of a shakedown than a shakeup. All of the ministers accused of corruption kept their posts, while two internal critics – Agriculture Minister Abed Sallah and Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashwari resigned rather than accept demotions. In addition, Arafat attempted to coopt many of his PLC critics by appointing them ministers – adding 10 new ministers with ministerial perks, but mostly without portfolios.

The result is a black day for Palestinian democracy. As Sallah put it, "This is a new government in which the effective ministers have been kicked out and the corrupt ones have remained." According to analyst Zakaria Qaq, the PLC "voted against itself" and in the process "made a few individuals happy and angered a nation." The Palestinian legislature, never thought to be very influential, has been humiliated by Arafat and by its own hand.

It may have been too much to expect, however, that the PLC could have resisted capitulation from its isolated position. The two countries that are the best positioned to act upon their supposed support for Palestinian democracy – the United States and Israel – have in fact been less than interested in the PLC's plight. During the negotiations over Oslo, Israel was concerned that a large and powerful legislature might increase the momentum toward the creation of a Palestinian state. Though Israel "lost" that debate, leading to the election of an 88-seat PLC, it is now Arafat who seems to be having second thoughts about having an independent legislature, rather than a pliant appendage of his government.

While it is not surprising that Arafat prefers the trappings of democracy to its reality, it is disappointing that both the United States and Israel have been more supportive of Palestinian democracy in theory than in practice. Within Israel, there have always been two schools of thought: one that democracy will inherently moderate Palestinian conflicts with Israel; the other that a Palestinian entity whose legitimacy is weakened by dictatorial rule is in Israel's interest. Israeli interest in Arab democracy is also tempered by the observation that peace with Israel is perceived as the province of "kings and pharaohs" (in Jordan and Egypt), while popular opinion runs even more anti-Israel.

This Israeli policy debate echoes one within US policy, which seems to see anything that "weakens Arafat" as bad for peace. In both Israel and the US, the realpolitik-driven antipathy for Palestinian democracy seems to have won out. As a result, voices such as that of Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who has questioned Israel's forwarding of millions of shekels in Palestinian tax revenues to accounts under Arafat's sole control, have been voices in the wilderness.

Ironically, it is the Europeans – not known for sentimentality in their foreign policy – who have been most supportive of the Palestinian legislature. Much of the funds under the PLC's control come from Europe, and it was the French who extended an official invitation to PLC member Hatem Abdel Khader – after he called for Arafat's resignation for his tolerance of rampant corruption.

One should not be naive about either the prospects for Palestinian democracy or its potential to moderate Palestinian views towards Israel. It is also a mistake, however, to act as if a lack of democracy will help Arafat fight terrorism or make peace with Israel. So far, the lack of transparency and accountability within the Palestinian Authority have hurt the Palestinian economy, increasing despair and radicalization. The multiplicity of security services may help Arafat play divide and rule, but it certainly does not assist in the fight against Hamas, even if the PA were to decide to make that a priority.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has been criticized for pointing out that democracy is the ultimate guarantor of peace, and that the Arab world should not be regarded as an exception to this rule. In fact, Netanyahu should not be criticized for making this point, but rather for not acting on it. While Israel cannot support the Palestinian legislature directly, it can indirectly back the fight against corruption and encourage the US to do so as well. The choice between a "strong Arafat" and democracy is a false one: Israeli-Palestinian peace is better built upon the fractious strength of democracy than the fundamental weakness of dictatorship.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON CREDIBILITY

Sir, – Evelyn Gordon is perhaps one of your finest writers – objective, professional, and fair.

Unlike Beilin, Rolef, Wasserstein, or Asa-El, Evelyn Gordon consistently provides concrete examples of what she is discussing or criticizing, and avoids polemics and distasteful ad hominem attacks; she prefers logical reasoning to simply spewing venom at those who disagree with her.

I know that it has become de rigueur to constantly accuse the prime minister of being untruthful and deceitful.I could respond to that, cynically, by saying "what politician isn't a liar most of the time," but that answer, while short and smart, would be neither accurate nor helpful.

Instead, I would ask you to consider the sort of things the people out here say about your newspaper, the Hebrew dailies, or the electronic media.

The more printable comments are that the media are biased toward the Peace Now Left, are full of lies and fabrications, unfair and tendentious toward the settlers in Judea-Samaria and Gaza; in short, not fit to wipe your feet on.

You know, I even say these sorts of things at times. And you know something else – I keep on buying and reading your newspaper, and reacting to the articles I read. Just like my neighbors continue to buy and read their favorite newspapers.

Why? Because we find them interesting and enjoyable, and (dare I say it?), credible! So does the Israeli public think the prime minister is a liar? Probably. Will a majority continue to support his policies and vote for him? Yes.

After all, most everybody I know *says* they don't believe a word they read in the paper or hear on the news, but they keep on buying those papers and watching that news!

KEN BESIG

Kiryat Arba.

THE BEST IN EVERYTHING

Sir, – I'm sick and tired of hearing how bad it is here. Nobody seems to have a good word to say about anything. Well, I'm going to redress the balance. Last Tuesday I went with my wife (I wouldn't go anywhere without her!) on a train journey to Nahariya just for the fun of it. We had no idea what to expect.

The Tel Aviv train station looks like a new station with all the amenities - it is clean and well planned. Our transport was a brand new state-of-the-art train. It was staffed with well-mannered, neatly dressed attendants and, most importantly of all, the food trolley was brought around every half hour.

I hope that Israel Railways continues to invest and expand its rail system. It is a wonderful way to travel from place to place and to see our truly beautiful country.

Instead of finding bad things to say about everything, why don't we look for the best in everything and exploit it. We would all be much happier.

LAURENCE I. J. CANTOR

Jerusalem.

CROSSES AT AUSCHWITZ

Sir, – Could anything be more bizarre than the blossoming of crosses in Auschwitz?

It was, after all, the religious symbol of the depraved fiends who ran the camps.

Surely decent Christians will shudder at this outrage of the Catholic clergy in Poland.

ANNI FRUCHTER

Safed.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On August 11, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported on the rise of rents in Tel Aviv. Working men paid half of their wages in rent. Balconies were being closed as rooms, while families with many children were unwelcome tenants. The government was asked to grant long-term loans for housing as it did in Nablus, following the earthquake of 1927.

50 years ago: On August 11, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the simplest way of avoiding the destruction of Jerusalem would be for the Arab Legion to withdraw. "It is not the Arabs of Jerusalem who are fighting, but the Arab Legion, which doesn't belong here," declared Dr. Bernard Joseph, the military governor of the city.

Alexander Zvielli

Early elections

YOSSI BEILIN

As we approach the end of the five-year interim agreement period, the argument over the "infamous" 13 percent has become yesterday's news.

At this very moment, Israel should have been completing the third stage in the plan for further redeployment, in accordance with the timetable that Binyamin Netanyahu signed in the Hebron Agreement. However, the first, second and third redeployments have not been implemented and as May 4, 1999 – the date intended to mark the conclusion of the permanent status talks which have not even begun – approaches, there is real cause for concern and an urgent need for reconsidering the entire issue.

My concern is not due to the fact that violence will inevitably break out between Israel and the Palestinians in May 1999. A unilateral declaration of independence by the Palestinians, and Israel's attempts to strangle this new state economically, or annex land in retaliation, will lead to Arab and Islamic conferences and a rise in tension at the risk of an outburst of violence between Arab bodies and Israel.

The region is saturated with tension and there is violence in the air.

The murder of two settlers last week and the bombing of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania – in all probability by an extremist Moslem organization – are repeated signs of this tension. Just a few sparks are needed to set the fire alight, and if a solution is not reached by May 4, this will be sufficient fuel.

The Americans are close to despair. Senior administration officials who met with the Labor Party delegation spoke to us with a deep sense of frustration. They genuinely believed that it was possible to reach agreement and they now feel that this opportunity is slipping away, and there is nothing they can do. It is no longer a secret that the Lewinsky affair has diverted attention away from political issues.

A national-unity government will just legitimize the freeze in the peace process

PUBLICATION of the American plan – for all its importance – will not change the situation drastically. We will realize what we have lost, and how close the American proposals were to the Israeli government's demands, how untrue were Netanyahu's claims that his demands for security and reciprocity were not resolved in the agreement.

But today, less than nine months before "P-Day", we must do something to avoid the collision course which right now seems inevitable.

Netanyahu does not want to reach agreement. He knows that the opposition will support him in the Knesset, yet despite this he did not bother to present his resolutions to the Knesset before the end of the summer session. He does not believe in the Oslo Accords, he feels that it is his duty to diminish the damage caused by the agreement and he believes that by not making any process on the Oslo track he is achieving his goals.

A national-unity government led by Netanyahu – which, by the way, he has never actually proposed – will just legitimize the freeze in the peace process. Netanyahu will not want the agreement any more when Labor joins him.

It will simply provide him with a convenient excuse for the lack of progress. He will always be able to say that the government which represents the entire nation supports his untenable demands, while the Labor representatives will make do with arguing with him around the cabinet table. They will be a minority in any such government until they decide to abandon it, with their feathers singed.

Only one solution remains – to further the process agreed upon by the Knesset on July 29, calling for early elections. Elections in just a few months, as a result of which – I hope – Labor will be voted into office, will at least enable us to reach an agreement in principle with the Palestinians on a permanent settlement before the five-year period is up, thus preventing unilateral decisions.

A permanent settlement is possible. It is based on a demilitarized Palestinian state on most of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital. This is the basis of the formula. All the other issues can be resolved if both parties are willing and creative. This is not the present situation. This could be the situation in a few months.

Coming home

EVELYN GORDON

Governments are notorious for short memories, but it is still odd to see one deliberately choosing to repeat a failure. Yet this is what the ministerial committee on Diaspora Jewry did last week, when it approved a series of financial benefits aimed at luring expatriate Israelis back home.

This idea was last tried in 1968, but abandoned two years later because the results were negligible. A 1972 Hebrew University study found that the incentives played a role in the decision of only 8.8 percent of the emigrants that returned. However, its seems that nothing has been learned in the last 30 years. The occupants of the cabinet seats have changed, but apparently they still believe hearts and minds can be won by petty bribery.

The benefits include a grant ranging from NIS 4,000 for singles to NIS 10,000 for a married couple with two children. The returnees are also promised customs exemptions on imported appliances, subsidized university studies, grants to artists and scientists to purchase equipment, subsidized day care, and subsidies for institutional care for aging parents.

There is another group of people who receive similar benefits from the government – new immigrants. Among this group, as well, it would be hard to find many who said the financial aid played a major role in their decision to come.

This is not to say that financial assistance to immigrants or returnees is always wrong.

Sometimes it makes sense – but a distinction must be made between measures that actually help the immigrant or returnee adjust to his new home, and measures that merely throw money at the problem.

Several elements of the immigrant aid package, for instance, do have logic behind them. The free ulpan (intensive Hebrew study program) is a good way to encourage immigrants to learn the language of their new country. Similarly, the income tax break given immigrants during their first three years is meant to partially compensate for the key job-hunting problem most of them face – a lack of connections – by making them more attractive to employers.

Why should subsidized child care be available only to those who jumped ship?

The customs exemptions are necessary because you cannot reasonably urge people to immigrate and then charge them thousands of dollars for the privilege. And for immigrants from poor countries, who often come here with nothing, cash grants are often necessary to tide them over until they have found their feet.

AT THE SAME time, however, many of the benefits are pure waste. Perhaps the best example is the monthly rent subsidy given to immigrants during their first seven years in the country. It does not take most immigrants seven years to find jobs and become self-supporting. Why should they still get a monthly grant which is denied to veteran Israelis earning much less money? Not only is there no social justice in such an allocation, there is also no economic logic. The subsidy – which is less than $100 a month – will not compensate the immigrant who is unable to find a decent job for this lack, and it will not add anything for the person who has such a job.

The same is true for most of the benefits the government now plans to offer returning expatriates. A grant of NIS 10,000 (less than $3,000), for instance, will hardly compensate the returnee for inability to find a good job, and will be trivial if he is able to make a decent living.

There is also an element of gross unfairness to the plan: The person who abandoned the country is now being rewarded with a host of benefits unavailable to those who stuck it out here. With the unemployment rate over 9 percent, there are undoubtedly many Israelis who could use subsidized care for their children or elderly parents as well. Why should such largesse be available only to those who jumped ship?

The truth is that there are only two ways to get immigrants to come or expatriates to return. One is to convince them that the fate of the Jewish people matters, and that this fate is inextricably bound to the fate of Israel. This is crucial to attracting almost all expatriates, most of whom live in the West, as well as Western immigrants – because on strictly material grounds, Israel cannot compete with large and wealthy countries such as the US and Germany.

The second necessity, however, is a thriving economy where veteran residents and newcomers alike can find good jobs that provide a decent standard of living – because even the most powerful idealism rarely compensates for inability to feed one's family.

The money the government is budgeting for benefits to expatriates – and some of the money it spends on immigrant benefits as well – would therefore be much better spent on infrastructure and other economically productive investments. In the long run, this would do much more to lure people here than the offer of a petty bribe.

No basis for dialogue

YOSSI OLMERT

The monster of terrorism has struck again and in the most unexpected location and timing.

Unexpected because we the potential and actual victims of terrorism think and act along conventional lines, but terrorists don't. They always seem to be on top of us, catch us unprepared and then leave us with a string of painful questions, some of them with no immediate or simple answer.

Terrorists do not need, nor do they look for, any particular reason to justify their criminal actions. For them, terrorism is neither tactics nor strategy, it is simply a way of life and an expression of a long history of a political culture that views what we call terrorism in a totally different light.

They sanctify the killing of infidels and we all are infidels, Jews and Christian alike, not only "Israeli Zionists" or "American imperialists."

Their war against us is as old as the history of Islam. As far as they are concerned, it could and should last as long as it takes for them to defeat us. I am not referring here to all Moslems, and clearly not to the religion of Islam as such. I'm talking about those fundamentalist Moslems who want to turn back the clock of history, return to the glory days of early Islam and try and succeed where their ancestors failed – to conquer the world and create the ideal, universal nation (Umma) of Islam.

This may seem somewhat exaggerated and almost apocalyptic but it is true, and therefore so troublesome. These people provide all sorts of pretexts for their criminal actions, sometimes talking of their jailed comrades as an excuse for their operations, but pretexts are only pretexts. The root cause of this form of terrorism is the fundamental grievance they have against the non-Islamic world.

A grievance as profound as this cannot allow a basis for any dialogue, of any kind, between the fundamentalists and the West. On the contrary, any attempt at creating such a dialogue is conceived by the fundamentalists as a sign of weakness.

The fundamentalists' war against us is as old as the history of Islam

IN today's world these are only two or three Moslem countries that adhere to the militant fundamentalist doctrine. The Taliban's Afghanistan, the Islamic republic of Iran and, to some extent, the military fundamentalist regime in Sudan.

This is both good and bad news. It's good because there are so many more Moslem countries in existence, ruled by governments that are opposed to terrorism and dedicated to the struggle against it. It's bad because two or three countries are two or three countries too many. The results of the bad news are written in much blood in East Africa, as well as in New York's World Trade Center and in the streets of Israel.

Let's look at Iran. This country makes no bones about its involvement in anti-Israel terrorism, but it still tries to downplay its involvement in anti-American and anti-European terrorism.

But its money, envoys and, more importantly, its official ideology are behind many of the militia movements that operate in the West, and yet the Clinton administration is changing its long-term policy towards the terrorist regime in Iran, and is starting a flirt with the new president Khatami.

As if to reward America in style, the same "moderate", and pragmatic Khatami has taken personal charge over the Iranian missile project, designed officially to threaten Israel's existence. This too is terrorism, and far more dangerous than the type of terror witnessed in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

It is imperative that the Clinton administration, trapped in the shadow of the Lewinsky affair, change course immediately and declare an all-out, relentless struggle against the few remaining terror states in the world – with Iran at the forefront.

Otherwise, all the expression of shock and anger voiced these days over rivers of blood spilled in East Africa will become a routine ritual, to be repeated after the expected future terror horrors anywhere in the world.

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Diplomats learn to burn rubber

Ellen Gamerman participates in a US government course that teaches those posted overseas how to avoid terrorists by thinking like one

US State Department employees and their wives who are posted overseas in dangerous jobs learn how to race backward, bust through barricades and drive on the sidewalk in a federal anti-terrorism course. (Chiaki Kawajiri/The Baltimore Sun)

Participants in the anti-terrorism course are also taught how to avoid being kidnapped and harmed. (Chiaki Kawajiri/The Baltimore Sun)

After ramming into a parked car, doing screeching 180-degree turns under attack and getting stuck in a place called "the kill zone" for more time than really seemed necessary, I was finally ready for my ultimate act of anti-terrorism.

It was time to blow up a Chevy.

"It's great for tension release," screams my bomb instructor, a man who speaks at almost the same decibel level as the explosions he rigs and never lets his name get out for fear his own car will be trip-wired some day.

"Huge blast – you're gonna love it."

My classmates look on in disbelief. So far, we have learned how not to get decapitated when handling a letter bomb, how to evade spies in a suburban shopping mall and how to drive with all the testosterone of thugs in a Bruce Willis movie.

All this just to learn some everyday skills – everyday at least according to an anti-terrorism course in Summit Point, West Virginia that teaches foreign service workers how to escape danger overseas. This course was given before Friday's deadly bombings in Africa which underscored the vulnerability of Americans stationed in farflung spots.

Today's lesson: Avoiding the car bomb.

To prove how deadly such bombs are, our instructor wants to explode one in the Chevy using a switch about 100 feet from the car.

Get the reporter to do it, the class of hardened FBI agents and diplomats agrees.

Making a slow march to the detonator, the reporter obeys. Pieces of the Chevy go hurtling high above – fragments of glass, half a dashboard and stuffing from the ratty upholstery.

The air clears and the instructor inspects the wreckage.

"If you were in this car," he says, impressed, "you'd be dead now."

FOR overseas workers, the message is simple: Buy a remote-control car starter, learn stealth tactics, do anything – but by all means, do not be an innocent. Think like a terrorist.

"You have to be smarter than them," says Hal Orbits, who teaches anti-terrorism classes after 20 years of protecting diplomats in the US and abroad.

"Strive to survive. That's the name of the game. If you're not off the X in five or 10 seconds, it's probably all over for you."

Orbits and his cohorts talk a lot about the "X" – the site of a terrorist's successful hit – also known as "the kill zone" or "condition black."

Between 1976 and 1997, 30 US diplomats were killed by terrorists overseas, according to the federal Diplomatic Security Service, which runs the anti-terrorism course.

Service agents are skilled in teaching how to stay out of "the valley of shock," their term for the paralysis that grips victims of terrorism.

The service was created in 1986 after a spate of violence against US foreign service workers in Lebanon, and Kuwait. The course began shortly after that, and is now strongly recommended, though not mandatory, for any government worker or spouse heading to a dangerous post. About 75 people a year go through the course.

The course is a splashy sideshow for the Diplomatic Security Service, a low-profile bureau of the State Department. The service sends its own team of 245 special agents overseas to protect diplomats and track down people spying on an embassy. It cultivates a cloak-and-dagger image: A recruitment brochure features a man peering through a peephole, checking for bad guys.

THE two-day class is like summer camp for maniacs. It begins at Summit Point Raceway, a private track in West Virginia that the agency contracts for what could only be called offensive-driving lessons (students learn when to drive on the sidewalk, for example).

On a recent summer day, private instructor Matt Croke, a former Green Beret, prepares the group for the "crash and bang" session, breaking the ice by telling them about an unnamed celebrated military figure who took the course and "upchucked all over everything."

Then he hands out Dramamine and assigns students to Chevrolet Caprices for training in the finer points of braking, swerving and doing scary things in reverse.

Student reactions vary: One gets nauseated and puts her head between her knees; another screams "Yahoo!" and flashes his government ID like a badge.

Paramedics stand on the sidelines, moving cones for the drills while they wait to see if anyone starts bleeding. The service has reported no serious injuries yet, even among pupils with dubious driving skills.

By the afternoon, the students have learned reverse 180s – racing backward, then jerking the wheel into a 180-degree spin and speeding in the other direction. Students also don helmets and practice busting through barricades by ramming a junked Pinto.

All this action costs money – not just $420 a head for the roughly 18-person classes, which run four times a year, but about $2,400 to pay for old cars that are rammed or exploded annually.

And there are hidden costs – like the damage done by the car-chase drill, in which students flee make-believe terrorists posing with BB guns and sometimes smash each other by accident.

It's like summer camp for maniacs. Day One: Offensive driving lessons. Day Two: The fine art of stalking

Like most other things in this course, the car-chase exercise strives for realism. During one attack, a student freezes as two cars barrel toward him and his engine dies. When he finally screeches off in reverse, it is too late – he is "dead."

THE next day, students go back to the kill zone, ready for a lesson in detecting spies and stalkers.

Instead of the racetrack, this lesson takes place in shopping malls and along side streets of the Virginia suburbs. The service hires actors to pose as terrorist types and plants them in stores and parking lots to see if students can figure out who is tailing them.

FBI agent Jose Rodriquez, 50, who is heading to Bogota, Colombia, built a career tracking suspects himself, so he finds this exercise rather easy. He spots his spy immediately, a man who keeps yawning and casually glancing over his shoulder at the strapping agent in a McDonald's.

The stalker even pretends to read a newspaper.

"What a cliche," Rodriquez sniffs.

Rodriquez cannot be rattled by the drama of the course. But other students, told they are being followed, get spooked instantly.

Nancy Strachan, a 45-year-old legal secretary from Georgia who is heading to the embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, for her first overseas assignment, believes more than a dozen people are following her as she makes her way through the shopping malls.

She scribbles down descriptions of a woman in a wig. A balding man with big calves. A mysterious blond talking at a pay phone. Putting a new twist on the exercise, she then starts following all the people she believes are tailing her.

But life in the kill zone is not always this intriguing. At the end of the day, Strachan learns that only two men, rather nondescript at that, were watching her.

She is philosophical, noting that at least she now knows how vulnerable she is "if someone is going to come at me and whack me in the head."

Still, what about all those suspects?

"I guess I feel kind of bad about that poor little lady I chased out of the crafts store," Strachan says. "I thought for sure she was following me." (The Baltimore Sun)

A terrorism lesson left unlearned

A secret report on world terrorism dismissed as 'outrageous' contained scenarios similar to Friday's double bombing in Tanzania and Kenya, **Robin Wright** reports from Washington

A few years ago, the Pentagon's secretive Office on Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict quietly buried one of the most comprehensive reports ever commissioned on the changing patterns of global terrorism.

The "Terror 2000" findings compiled by 41 experts – including former ranking CIA, FBI, State Department and Rand Corp. officials as well as an ex-KGB general and Israeli intelligence agent – were deemed too alarmist and farfetched. "Outrageous," commented one CIA official. Even a sanitized version designed to promote public preparedness was axed.

The only catch is that many of its predictions have since come true.

Among them: International terrorism would reach American shores, potentially targeting a major US financial center. Home-grown zealots would pose big-time threats to domestic security.

Within three years of the 1993 report, massive bombs at the World Trade Center in New York and the federal building in Oklahoma City became the deadliest acts of international and domestic terrorism ever carried out in this country.

Terror 2000 also predicted that overseas extremists would use chemical or biological agents in a couple of major subway systems. In 1995, an extremist group released sarin nerve gas in a Tokyo subway, killing 11 and injuring thousands. "There's only been one. But then we haven't yet hit the year 2000," project director Marvin J. Creton noted wryly in an interview Saturday.

The lesson, looking back, is that of all the forms of warfare that exist at the 20th century's end, terrorism may be the most intractable.

The simultaneous bombings of US embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on Friday underscored that lesson with deadly force. Whether motivated by ideological hatred, financial greed or religious passions, terrorists have moved further and faster in devising imaginative new targets and tactics than government counterterrorism officials can keep up with.

Looking forward in the aftermath of the East Africa carnage, Terror 2000 offers a road map. One of its fundamental conclusions, endorsed by a host of independent experts, is that trends in terrorism will continue to mutate in the post-Cold War world.

Even the most conservative prognosis contained in the report is that terrorist acts against the US are likely to increase at an annual rate of at least 15 percent for several years to come. Since the report was issued, the rate has jumped up and down erratically, with no clear trend. But the volatile period envisioned in the report is distinguished by what it calls "superterrorism," involving sporadic but sensational attacks, often featuring advanced weaponry.

"Future terrorists will find they need ever more spectacular horrors to overcome this (American) capacity to absorb what previously would have seemed intolerable," the report states. "We must be prepared to defend against dangers that only a few years ago seemed impossible." Perhaps the most ominous development is that, like everything else, superterrorism is going global.

Consider one hypothesis about Friday's devastating car bombings in Kenya and Tanzania: The sites hit were in Africa. The real target was an ocean away in America. Several terror groups deemed capable of such an attack are in the Middle East and south Asia. If the bombs contained Semtex or C-4 – extremely powerful explosives used in several major terrorist acts – the raw materials may have come from a fourth continent, Europe.

On the eve of the new millennium, terrorism is evolving on several key fronts:

TARGETS: Terror 2000 warned that extremists who traditionally sought to shock and scare their foes through selective strikes are increasingly shifting to indiscriminate acts against mass targets.

Gone are the days when Marxist groups kidnapped American diplomats or businessmen to demand release of political prisoners, as was the case in the 1969 seizure of US Ambassador to Brazil Charles Elbrick, the first modern act of anti-American terrorism.

Extremism instead is now characterized by attacks far grander in size, casualties and impact.

"In some ways, we're a victim of our own success," said Bruce Hoffman, director of Britain's Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. "As we've made it appreciably more difficult for terrorists to reach their traditional targets, they've just calculated how much bigger their bombs or weapons have to be to reach their targets or how many lives it will take to have an impact."

In one uncannily accurate prediction, Terror 2000 warned that extremists may try to maximize their impact by moving beyond one-at-a-time attacks to multiple, simultaneous targeting, thus demonstrating their reach and taxing governments' ability to respond. That's exactly what happened in Africa, when the two car bombs exploded within minutes of each other in cities 450 miles apart.

In one respect, Friday's embassy bombings run counter to recent trends. Because of heightened security, the number of attacks on US diplomatic and military personnel plummeted from 200 in 1986, to 39 in 1995, and to eight in 1997, according to the State Department.

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But in other key regards, the East Africa bombings appear to fit the trend toward attacks against less defensible targets such as tourists, private businesses and their clients, and even children.

The embassy bombings also underscored the fact that Americans increasingly are the intended targets. During most of the 1990s, almost 40% of all international terrorism incidents have been against US citizens and facilities.

TACTICS: Public awareness, travel advisories and international cooperation have made favored past practices more difficult. Long-term hostage seizures, which traumatized the world in the 1980s, are now limited largely to Colombian groups out for ransom.

Extremism today is often characterized by fewer, but deadlier, attacks. Bombings are the primary tactic. In 1997, 108 of 123 anti-American attacks involved bombs, according to a State Department report called "Patterns of Global Terrorism 1997." But new twists add chilling new dangers.

Air terrorism – once centered on hijackings in which most passengers survived unharmed – increasingly involves on-board bombings no matter what the cost in human life.

In what would have been the deadliest series of attacks ever against US targets, World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, a Pakistani, also plotted in 1993 and 1994 to blow up 11 Delta, Northwest and United aircraft flying out of the Far East.

At the top of the list of future dangers are more sophisticated weapons, including chemical and biological agents and even nuclear devices.

The new dangers are attributable in part to the impact of the information age. Three Internet sites provide data on Semtex, a sophisticated plastic explosive used in the 1988 Pan Am 103 bombing.

Some 400 sites discuss sarin, a Nazi nerve gas so lethal that a single milligram quickly kills.

"The means and methods of terrorism are readily available at bookstores, from mail-order publishers, on CD-ROM or even over the Internet, and therefore accessible to anyone with a grievance, purpose, agenda or any idiosyncratic combination of the above," said Hoffman, author of the book *Inside Terrorism*. Bomb-making ingredients are readily accessible. Many are used in making plastic, ink or fertilizer and processing foodstuffs, former CIA director John Deutch warned Congress in open testimony.

Potential perils are not limited to super-bombs like those used in New York and Oklahoma City. On a Moscow park bench, Chechen rebels in 1995 left radioactive material designed to produce radiation sickness that would destroy human cells and cause a slow collapse of body functions.

"Easy access to biological, chemical and nuclear technologies will bring many new players to the game of mass destruction," Terror 2000 warned.

PERPETRATORS AND MOTIVES: The good news is that many of the world's most notorious terror-masters have been contained.

Except for Iran, which continued to actively support terrorism in 1997, international pressure and sanctions largely have contained terrorism by other state sponsors such as Libya and Iraq, according to the State Department.

Also fading into history books are groups such as Italy's Red Brigade, Germany's Baader-Meinhof and Japan's Red Army.

With the demise of communism and the birth of dozens of new democracies, leftist groups across Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia have lost their causes as well as their followers.

Secular terrorists such as Peru's Shining Path and the Palestinians' Abu Nidal have been replaced by religious zealots such as Saudi dissident Osama Bin Laden, who has recently called for terrorist attacks on US targets, and cults such as Japan's Aum Supreme Truth. State sponsors and structured, well-organized groups are giving way to amorphous terrorist "cells" and free-lancers.

In the late 1960s, when modern terrorism took off, not one of the 11 known terrorist groups was classified as religious. In contrast, nearly a quarter of 50 identifiable groups around the world today are motivated largely by religion, Hoffman noted.

The new crop of amateurs and tight-knit cells can be just as dangerous as the older groups, and in some cases even more deadly. They are often better at evading detection, exploiting modern communications and transportation, and tapping informal sources of funding.

Overall, Terror 2000 predicts eight to 10 years of "tumult and transition" terrorism, and other forms of low-intensity conflict, until rules of the post-Cold War world are better established.

In the end, it suggests terrorism will level off and perhaps even decline.

"In the future, we expect peace settlements in many areas where violence has originated – in the Middle East, Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Russia and its neighbors," Creton predicted. "But it will take time. And during that time terrorism is going to get worse before it gets better."

(Los Angeles Times)

Boycott the boys' newscast

Home Front

Allison Kaplan Sommer

One step forward, two steps back. That's life on the front line.

In this case, the retreat is taking place on our television screens. Just about a year ago, I celebrated in this column 24-year-old Geula Even's ascent to the anchor chair of the prestigious Channel 1 *Mabat* newscast after long-time star Chaim Yavin left for the greener and more profitable pastures of Channel 2.

At the time, I wrote that "...the important thing is that a woman is to fill this highly public, influential and authoritative post. Of course, the ratings battle played a part in the decision. Let's face it: Even's sparkling sapphire eyes and flawless complexion surely haven't hurt her steady climb to the top. But she couldn't possibly have landed the job without the cool intelligence and quick reflexes she has displayed on numerous live broadcasts.

"Whether Even succeeds or fails, the fact that she has been given this chance is a huge step forward in the way women are viewed, and how they view themselves. One hopes that a few decades from now, when she has as many wrinkles as Yavin, Even will still be as successful and professionally respected as he is today."

The fact that Even is being dumped, at least in part, for being young and attractive, exemplifies a dangerous Catch-22 for women in broadcasting

It would have been one thing if Even had truly failed. After all, men and women should be judged on their achievements, not on their age or their sex.

If Even had done an embarrassing job over the past year, if she had stumbled over the news, or if, in this cold, cruel age of ratings, she had not been able to hold her own against the team on Channel 2, there would be no reason to complain.

But that's not the way it happened. Even has held her own ratings-wise, and her cool, reserved demeanor has served the government television station well.

Yavin, on the other hand, has had a bad year. His much-touted Channel 2 show *The Fifth Evening* was hammered by the critics and fared disappointingly in the ratings. The Channel 2 concessionaire, Keshet, decided that he was not worth his tremendous salary and subtly nudged him out the door by offering *The Fifth Evening* a far less desirable time slot in next year's schedule.

Success is usually rewarded and failure punished. But not in this case.

Even's downfall was not due to professional incompetence, but to a changing of the guard at the government television station.

Some say that the new IBA chairman, Uri Porat, didn't like Even because she was appointed by news executives Yair Stern and Rafik Halaby. Porat wanted to show who was boss – in the same way that he pulled rank in the public spanking of two *Mabat* editors after the airing of the controversial segment showing Betar Jerusalem fans chanting "Death to the Arabs." Others say – and Porat himself has admitted publicly – that although Even is "really beautiful," she is too young and inexperienced to hold the anchor seat.

After sending feelers out to IBA veterans like Rafi Ginat, Porat jumped at the opportunity to dump Even when Yavin's failure at Keshet left him open to other offers.

And so Even, a year after her meteoric rise, has been unceremoniously dumped – in the words of one IBA staffer, much in the same way that one gets rid of a stray dog. And while it is hard to truly pity Even, – she is quite unlikely to join the ranks of the thousands of unemployed – what has happened to her is depressing because of what it symbolizes.

It represents a return to the era in which middle-aged – or in this case, elderly – male television executives have determined that the voice of authority can only come from someone who resembles what they see in the mirror.

The fact that Even is being dumped, at least in part, for being young and attractive, exemplifies a dangerous Catch-22 for women in broadcasting. If they are too young, they "lack experience" – but if they are too old, they "are not telegenic."

One can only hope that Even finds her revenge through success – that she receives a juicy offer from Channel 2 to host a news show, and that her ratings soar far above Yavin's.

In the meantime, the best way for disappointed Even fans like myself to show their dissatisfaction is not by waving signs in front of the IBA building, as members of the Israel Women's Network did recently.

The way to best send a message is to vote with our remote controls for Channel 2 – which somehow manages, effortlessly and with little fanfare, to integrate female anchors and reporters of all ages into its newscast.

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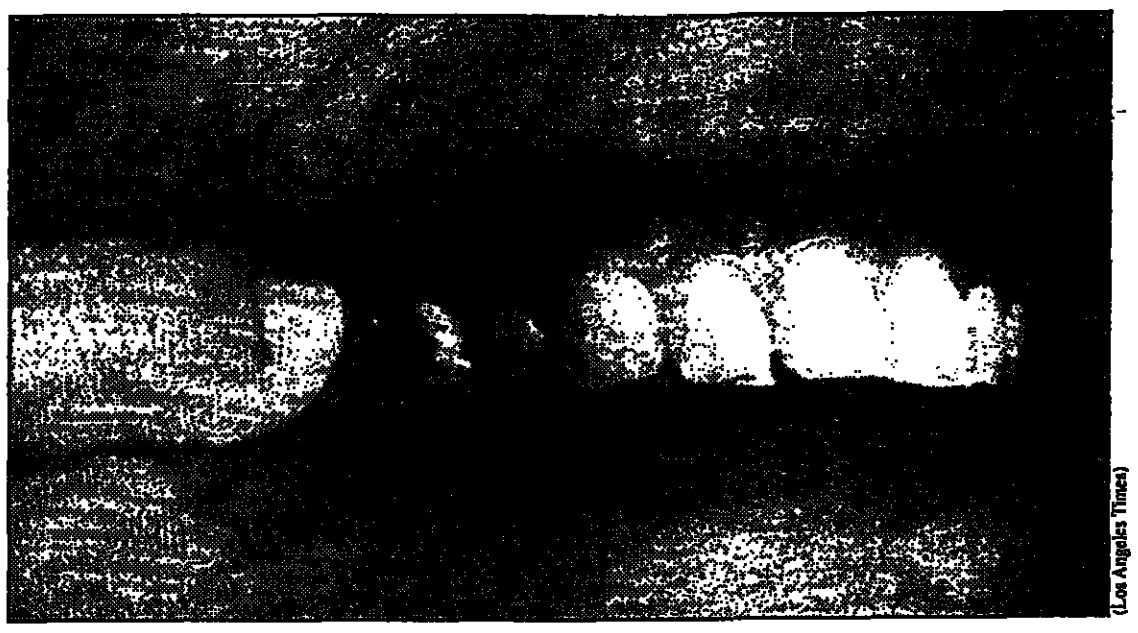
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Lori Wright shows off her Winnie-the-Pooh tooth, a hand-painted crown that costs about $200.

Modigliani of molars

By BEVERLY BEYETTE

For dental technician Ron Grant, life is hardly the same old grind. Grant, 47, of Murrieta, Calif., is the Modigliani of molars.

In his hands, a porcelain crown is a blank canvas just waiting to accommodate Mickey Mouse or a monarch butterfly, a college logo or an American eagle.

Smile – and the world will learn your little secret. It started 15 years ago when Grant painted a heart for his mother's crown, "just kind of a novelty thing."

As dentist told dentist, patient told patient and the idea caught on. Today, Grant says, several hundred of his paintings are in Southern California mouths.

One of his early, and most challenging, commissions was for Paul Conrad, editorial cartoonist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. He wanted a Richard Nixon caricature on the crown on one back molar, a Ronald Reagan on the other.

"The Nixon tooth proved to be as rotten as Nixon," Conrad observes, "and it fell out. But Ron's still healthy."

Conrad, whose dentist had told him about Grant's work, drew the caricatures "as simply as I could" for the artist to copy and was pleased.

And whatever happened to the Richard Nixon crown? Conrad says, "I think my dentist was going to make a tie pin out of it."

Among the most unusual commissions was a young woman's request for a marijuana leaf. "I told her I didn't know what one looked like, so she drew a picture."

Grant asked no questions.

Then there was the "CEO type" who asked Grant to paint an obscene gesture.

"Evidently he had some poor feelings for someone and he could just smile and ..."

Why do people want pictures on their molars?

"I guess it's like you're getting away with something that nobody else really knows about," Grant says. "When it gets too close to the front, they're a little reluctant."

But not the longshoreman who had Grant paint an American flag on the crown that was "right on his front tooth."

Grant's clients range in age from 20 to 60. His youngest was a 13-year-old boy needing a crown.

"His mom said he wouldn't kick and scream too much if he could have something put on his tooth. He had a little soccer ball."

A dental technician for 20 years, Grant the artist is self-taught. At work in "Eye Teeth," his home lab, he painstakingly copies images onto porcelain, working with "a worn-out brush with a few bristles on it" and a triple magnification loupe.

Although he'll paint on crowns made by other technicians, he'd rather not. The process, which evolved through "trial and error," starts with mixing the china paints. As he paints, Grant sets the colors by repeatedly baking the crown at 1600 degrees in an oven with a vacuum chamber that pulls out the air and makes the surface nonporous.

When a painting is finished, Grant applies a transparent porcelain glaze – "It's like the glass that covers the painting."

And it ensures that the paint, although nontoxic, isn't going to seep into the client's mouth.

"There are no health concerns," says Murrieta dentist Larry Hoyt. "It's completely safe. And, if they decide at some time they do not want it on their teeth anymore, it can be polished off."

So far, Hoyt adds, "I haven't had to remove any. Anybody who's had them thoroughly enjoys them" – so long as they're not too obvious.

"It's not like they open their mouth and smile and it's like they have some chives stuck in their teeth."

For the most part, Hoyt adds, "it's not the type of stuff people do with tattoos. It's much more elevated." And does Hoyt have a Grant creation in his mouth? Well, no. After all, he is a dentist and "the beauty to us lies in trying to re-create what God gave us originally."

That would not include a molar sporting the letters PIG (for pride, integrity and guts – commissioned by a policeman) or a depiction of Superman (the request of a father, daughter and son) or a biplane (now decorating the mouth of an aerospace worker). And Grant has done Thumper as well as Mickey Mouse.

Hoyt's daughter-in-law, Kristine, who in 1982-83 portrayed Snow White at Disneyland, sports a Snow White on a molar – just because it's "kind of silly and fun." It was copied by Grant from an old Snow White record album Kristine found in an antiques shop and, she says, "he did a really good job. It's amazing because it's so tiny, but so detailed."

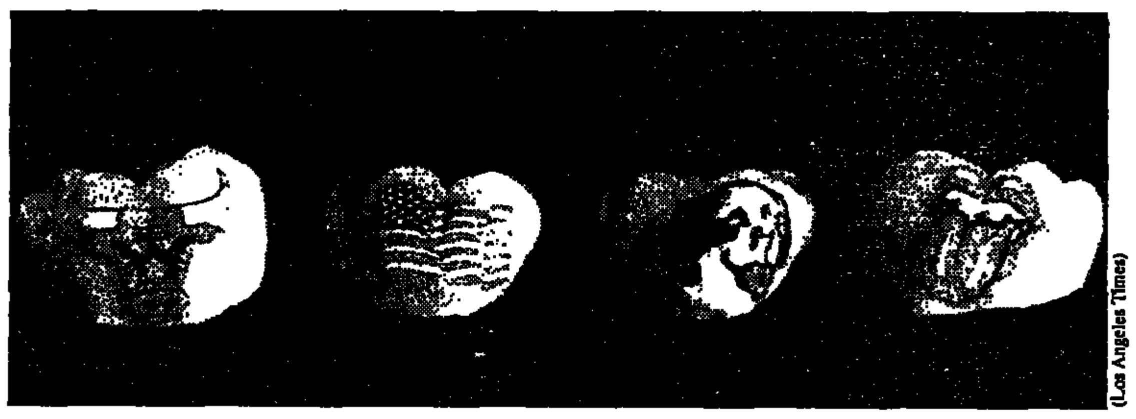
Lori Wright has Winnie-the-Pooh painted on a bicuspid, strategically placed so that "I don't have to show people" unless there's a reason to do so. Grant's creation – Winnie reaching out for a bumble bee – is "fantastic," says Wright.

Tooth art is not for everyone. It can only be done on crowns or porcelain veneers, not on teeth. And it's definitely a luxury item. The miniature works of art take Grant from two to four hours and range in price from $200 to $400, crown not included.

He is not the only tooth Titian. But Grant's wife, Chris, who has a rose on a molar and a bouquet of tulips on a bicuspid, says that although perhaps 50 others throughout the country are doing tooth art, "You're talking shopping at Sears versus Neiman Marcus."

As her husband's unofficial marketing director, she's spurred him to paint the logos of the Denver Broncos, the Chicago Bulls, the Utah Jazz and other professional sports teams – and sent a sample to the flamboyant Dennis Rodman.

She reasons, "All these guys are tattooed and pierced." And, Grant observes, hockey players should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Dental technician Ron Grant's repertoire includes Mickey Mouse, Ronald Reagan and Superman.

Take it one day at a time

Dear Ruthie

Ruthie Blum

Dear Ruthie,

My wife recently filed for divorce. We should be separated in a matter of months. Our agreement was that I can remain in our home until I finish school and get a job.

We have one boy, age 11. I am very much a part of my son's life. I take him to and pick him up from school every day. We are constantly together: playing games, tossing a baseball, shooting baskets, shooting guns at the range, rock climbing, etc. My life has been devoted to my son and my wife to such an extent that, except for school, I really have no contact with any adults.

My concern is with my desire to date and socialize, and yet still maintain a strong relationship with my son. We are so close that any real interruption in our time together will break both our hearts. However, I feel I must find a new woman to share my life.

I know that in divorce there are no winners. Must I sacrifice my emotional well-being so as not to destroy my son's world (at least until he turns 18) or is it possible to have my cake and eat it, too?

If I can have the time to socialize, my next question is where? I met my wife at work. She was a probation officer and I was a defense attorney. Now that I have returned to school to pursue a second career, I find that I am older than all the other students. Do I cool my jets until I re-enter the work force, or are there places where I can meet a nice woman?

Separation Anxious
Somewhere in the US

Dear Separation Anxious,

Introducing another woman into your life will not necessarily constitute an interruption in the amount of time you spend with your son. It is the connection to another woman who is not your son's mother which might put a strain on your relations. This does not mean that you need wait for your son to turn 18 before having a social life, however. It just means that the current constellation with which you are familiar will change in some way. It is this change which is causing your anxiety – not whether or where you will be able to meet women.

In addition, your studies, and eventually your work, will probably do more to interfere with the endless amounts of father-son time you presently enjoy than what you refer to as your social life.

It is just as impossible to determine at this stage where you will meet the next woman in your life as it is to know how this will affect your relations with your son. And the desire to know all of this in advance comes from the need to control events – a need which arises from the anxiety about an uncertain future.

Yours is a clear case of the future being the enemy of the present. Seeing it hovering above you like some kind of black cloud, you imagine that if you can somehow plan its course up to the minutest detail – including exactly where you will be able to meet members of the opposite sex – you will be able to "conquer" it. This is the best way to keep yourself in a state of worry. Instead, you would do better to take each day as it comes, looking only as far as the day ahead of you. Your relations with your son can only benefit from such an attitude, as they, too, progress one day at a time.

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GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Notwithstanding the souring of his relations with former Border Police commander **Meshulam Amit**, who after being stripped of all power finally resigned last month from the Jerusalem City Council, Mayor **Ehud Olmert** has selected another former police commander as his running mate for the upcoming municipal elections. Former police inspector general **Rafi Peled**, who currently serves as director-general of the Israel Electric Corporation, is reportedly enthusiastic about entering the political arena. Credit for connecting him with Olmert goes to deputy mayor **Yigal Amedi**, who got to know Peled when he was spokesman for then police minister **Ronni Milo**. Pundits say that if Olmert is reelected and then cedes his position as mayor to run in the prime ministerial race, Peled, 54, is likely to be the next mayor of Jerusalem.

IN MERETZ circles in the capital, there is a certain relief over the resignation of chairman **Ornan Yekutieli**, who as far as some members were concerned had gone just a little bit too far in castigating and provoking the haredi sector. There was also some unhappiness over Yekutieli's insistence that **Ofra Meierson-Eitan**, the wife of the agriculture and environment minister, be given a realistic slot on the Meretz list. The Eitans settled in Jerusalem a couple of months back to remove the strain of constant travel from the minister. Meanwhile, Yekutieli, realizing that the minister's wife, who does not share her husband's political views, was a great media drawing card, invited her to join his list. When he dropped out of Meretz to start a party of his own, he took Meierson-Eitan with him. Meierson-Eitan has no political experience, but that doesn't faze Yekutieli, who's hoping to get her the education portfolio for which she is professionally well qualified.

Uzi Baram and Aviva Eidan (Sivan

OFFERED the opportunity to run as Labor's mayoral candidate in the capital, former tourism minister **Uzi Baram** declined after a survey indicated that he had little hope of beating Olmert. Baram is much happier in the role of bridegroom, and will today marry **Aviva Eidan**, who was in charge of his office when he was minister and will henceforth be in charge of his home.

IT SEEMS that there's no business like show business – except municipal business. After actor and comedian **Shmuel Viloszny** livened things up at City Hall in Tel Aviv during his stint as a council member, multifaceted entertainer **Yehoram Gaon** took up the arts and culture portfolio in Jerusalem. Now it's **Sefi Rivlin**'s turn. The stage and TV comedian, best known for his marvelous skits in Lotto promotions, is in the No. 2 slot in the Rishon Lezion 2000 list headed by his childhood friend, insurance agent **Chemi Doron**. Funds raised through the sale of Lotto tickets are used to improve community infrastructure. If Rivlin gets a seat on the council, he will be doing more than just promoting community improvements.

AUTHOR, journalist and public speaker **Barry Chamish**, whose controversial conspiracy theories about the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin have earned him international attention, has a new book coming out at the end of the month, *Who Murdered Yitzhak Rabin?* Chamish charges that he and other reporters who have data which could set the whole country in a spin are being suppressed in their efforts to publish the truth about Rabin's death. But he believes that a local television station with which he has shared a great deal of his information may soon go public. Chamish is convinced that those who thought that Rabin was ready to give away large tracts of the country will realize that this was not his intention at all.

OVER the years, former prime minister **Shimon Peres** has managed to act suitably surprised at the annual surprise parties in honor of his birthday. But he can't very well pretend at his 75th birthday in mid-August. After all, a 75th birthday is a milestone event, and Peres would probably be surprised if there wasn't a party in the offing. Age seems to have no effect on Peres's peregrinations. He continues to travel the length and breadth of the country to make speeches and appearances and is still a very-frequent flier. He's one of the most obvious reasons for moving the retirement age from 65 to 70, though in his case, retirement is a concept that applies to other people.

FINANCE Minister **Yaakov Neeman** displayed a wry sense of humor when he apologized at the joint press conference in which he, Prime Minister **Binyamin Netanyahu** and Bank of Israel Governor **Jacob Frenkel** announced the new economic measures designed to eventually bring down inflation, reduce unemployment and boost economic growth. Neeman apologized to reporters that there had been no leak from any of the three offices concerned.

FRENCH ambassador **Jean-Noel de Bouillane de Lacoste** and his wife **Françoise** held a farewell reception for press attache **Constant Sakow** and his extraordinarily beautiful wife **Sukamari (Sugi)** on the lawns of their Jaffa residence. Despite the unrelenting heat and humidity and the fact that many people are on holiday, a large representation of both the diplomatic corps and the International Club came to say farewell to the popular couple, and to assure them of a warm welcome whenever they return for a visit. The Sakows, who have been posted to Manila, will leave Israel next week to spend a month in France before settling in the Philippines. Sugi Sakow went to great pains to convince all her friends that the house is large enough to accommodate them if they choose to travel in that direction. Some have already promised to be there before the year is out. Although sad to say good-bye, the Malaysian-born Sakow was pleased that her husband had at last been posted to a mission which was only three hours flying time away from her family.

AUSTRALIAN Jewry was understandably disappointed when Netanyahu decided to defer his official visit to Australia. Even more disappointed was Australian ambassador **Ian Wilcock**, who had hoped to take advantage of the PM's Sabbath respite in Melbourne to attend a game of Australian-rules football. It looks as if his favorite team will have to play without him spurring it on.

MOST mothers of only sons would do anything to prevent them from joining a combat unit. Not so **Bella Mitzeskaya** of Russia, who flew to Israel to push for her son **Maxim** to be allowed to join the Golani Brigade. Maxim, who came to Israel when he was 16, has no immediate family here, and in accordance with the regulations that apply to a lone soldier, was denied his wish to join a combat unit. So he persuaded his mother to side with him and she came here to give him the required change in status. Mitzeskaya came under the auspices of Sarel and has been working as a volunteer. She will return briefly to Russia to collect her belongings and return as a new immigrant. Sarel (Sherut L'Yisrael, or Volunteers for Israel) was founded in 1982 during Operation Peace for Galilee by Maj.-Gen. (res) **Aharon Davidi**. Its original purpose was to bring foreign volunteers, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to military bases and settlements in Galilee. It has since expanded its operations to include IDF bases, hospitals and rehabilitation centers all over the country. Mitzeskaya was honored last week at Sarel's salute to Israel on the 50th anniversary of the state. Other volunteers who were honored included wheelchair-bound IDF disabled veterans such as **Batya Perlov, Omer Jacobson, Aharon Weinberg** and **Rami Matza**, who were saluted by Defense Minister **Yitzhak Mordechai**.

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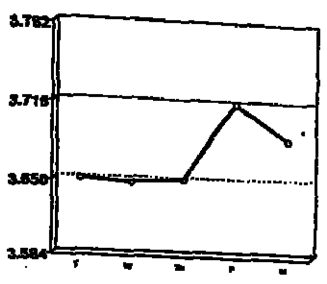

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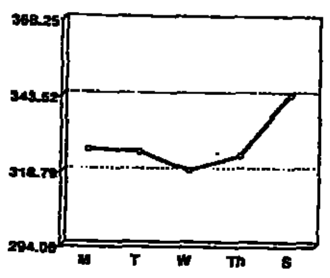

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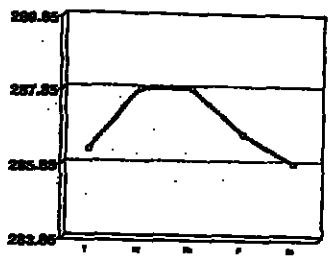

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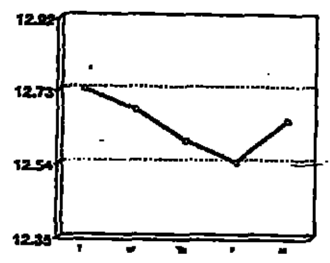

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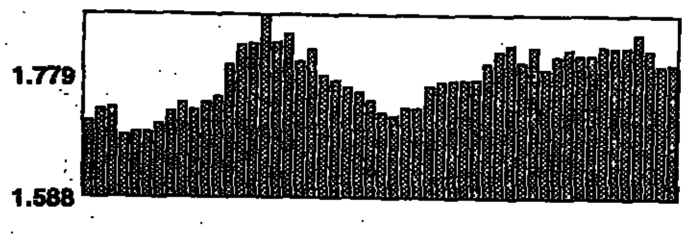

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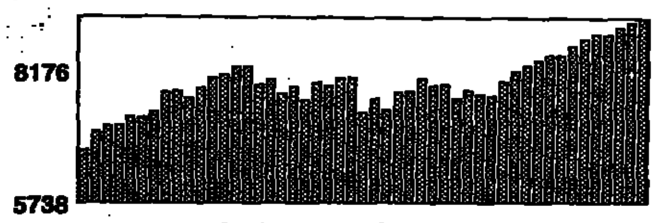

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Treasury: Tight budget means further rate cuts likely

By DAVID HARRIS

If ministers approve the Treasury's 1999 state budget proposal, the Bank of Israel will be able to further cut interest rates, Finance Ministry Director-General Ben-Zion Zilberfarb told the cabinet yesterday, at the start of its annual budget deliberations.

"We maintain that responsible fiscal policy, which doesn't create inflationary pressures, will allow the Bank of Israel to continue reducing the interest rates, which remain high," said Zilberfarb.

In opening the debate, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said the 1.5 percent cut in interest rates announced last week, alongside a 4% inflation goal for next year, are only part of an overall package, the next stages of which depend on the cabinet.

During the course of this month, ministers will be asked to approve both the budget itself and the Treasury's proposals for a host of reforms throughout the economy. These so-called structural changes will be compiled in the budgetary arrangements bill.

"In addition to the measures approved last week, the approval of the structural changes and the state budget as one complete package, I believe will contain all the elements required to increase economic growth and to halt the increase in unemployment," said Neeman.

Ben-Zion Zilberfarb
(Isaac Harari)

Yaakov Neeman
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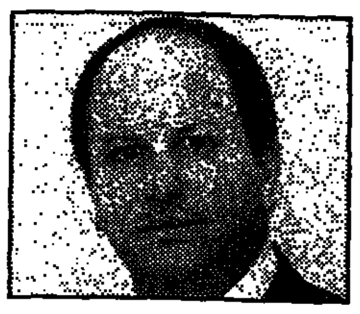


David Milgrom
(Ariel Jerozolimski)

Neeman urged his cabinet colleagues not to criticize his ministry's bid to restrict the maximum public sector pay increase to 1%. Every 1% added to the government's wage bill costs the country some NIS 500 million, he said.

The increase in unemployment, together with the downturn in tax revenues have been at the center of the Treasury's internal discussions ahead of yesterday's and today's cabinet sessions.

However, Neeman told ministers "the 1999 budget is not a budget of fiscal restraint and contains no cut, compared to 1998."

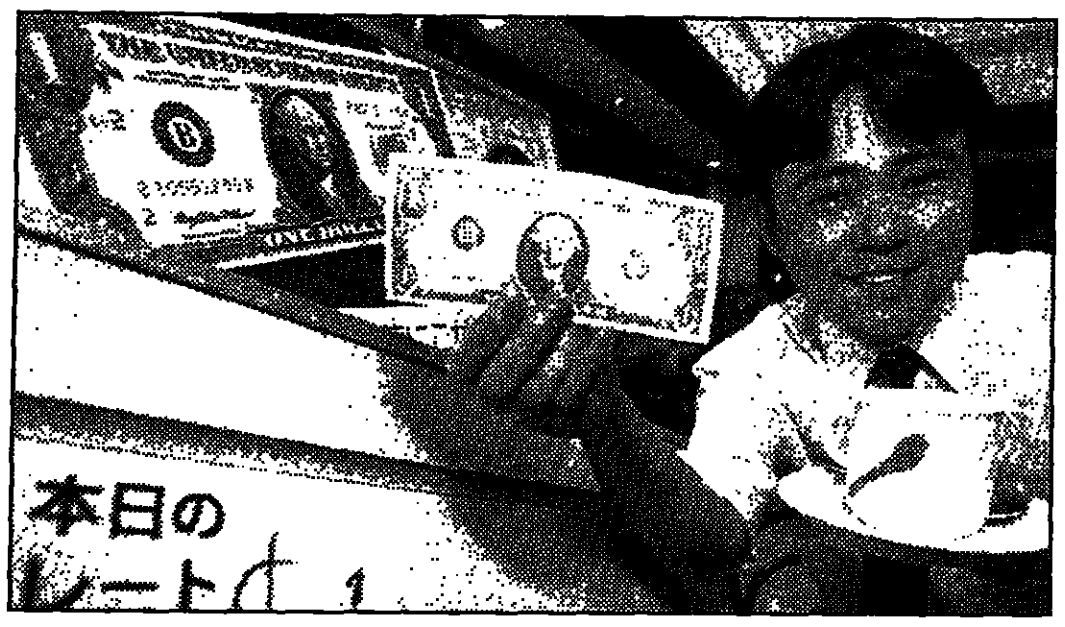
The Treasury prefers officially to speak of a budgetary adjustment of NIS 2.2 billion rather than a cut, but behind closed doors officials admit there really is a cut in the budget of NIS 2.2b., in order to bring the budget deficit down to 2% of the gross domestic product, in line with the Budget Deficit Law.

Neeman told the cabinet, though, that the domestic budget includes an additional NIS 1.3b. on the 1998 sum. This is possible because Treasury forecasts show a considerable surplus in the budget for overseas activities next year.

The finance minister explained that it is vital the budget deficit target is not breached, as this would require raising taxes. This would continue the economic slowdown or even intensify it, he said.

Neeman concluded his address by telling ministers he is open to their suggestions for expanding investments in the economy, as long as they allow for increased competition, remove bureaucratic blocks and improve efficiency in the public sector.

The final stage of yesterday's session was a description of the proposed structural changes by state budget director David Milgrom, who said the adoption of these measures will allow for economic growth to reach 2.5%, compared to the 1.5% predicted for this year.



Bargain coffee

Tokyo restaurant manager Joji Mishima offers $1.00 coffee yesterday at the previous day's dollar/yen rate of 143 yen. The dollar was firm yesterday as weakness in Asian markets weighed on the yen, dealers said. (Reuters)

Budget '98: Infrastructure versus R & D?

By NINA GILBERT

Contractor: Infrastructure funding spurs growth

Infrastructure investment is the quickest way to stimulate growth, as it provides immediate jobs and is gets the wheels of the economy rolling, a Contractors and Builders Association official said yesterday.

"We are 15 to 20 years behind Western Europe in infrastructure. Advancing the level of infrastructure requires a long-term investment," association director-general Shmuel Arad said, in an interview.

"This investment is also a long-term savings because it advances the periphery of the country to the population centers."

The government is offering to spend some NIS 1 billion on infrastructure, but it needs to spend NIS 4b., he said.

The Treasury says that next year, some NIS 3b. to NIS 3.5 b. is to be spent on infrastructure projects, but mostly by issuing BOT (build, operate and transfer) tenders to the private sector.

Infrastructure investment has the quickest influence on the economy, since within three months after a project is approved people start working, creating thousands of jobs in all types of professions, he said.

At the same time, he warned against moves to reduce the number of foreign workers in the building sector – some 40,000 – saying these people are vital to the industry and are doing work that Israelis can't or won't do.

He also called for more government aid for mortgages, especially for young couples whose aid was not updated under the new rules for government-backed mortgages.

The building sector is the driving force behind the economy, providing jobs in all sectors, he said.

High-tech exec: R&D investment has highest return

Increased support for industrial research and development is the best investment in the economy to spur growth and cut unemployment, according to Zohar Zisapel, president of RAD Data Communications and chairman of the Israel Electronics Association.

"The government needs to invest in things that bring growth. The problem is that the government is not investing in the area that brings the most growth to the economy, which is investment in R&D. Thus this budget needs to be expanded," he said, in an interview.

Zisapel said studies have found that investment in research and development has the highest yield in terms of national growth, at 30 percent. The next highest return is investment in physical infrastructure, which brings a 14% yield. This is followed, at 12%, by investment in industry, such as via capital investment aid, he added.

"Every position in high-tech development creates 10 more jobs in other professions," he said.

Zisapel said that those who lose jobs in low-tech can't be trained as electronics engineers or software developers – which require academic degrees – but they can be trained to fill other positions in the industry such as in marketing, services, and administration.

The main problem for high-tech is a lack of skilled personnel with proper academic training, a problem that can be alleviated by more government efforts to encourage young people to enter into these professions, he said.

Plan to buy Humana collapses

By MARION GAMMILL

United HealthCare Corp. ended its plan to buy rival Humana Inc. after a plunge in United's shares last week cut the value of the transaction, originally $6.3 billion in stock and debt, by a third.

United shares fell 31% in two days after the second-largest US health insurer took $900 million in pretax charges to restructure and cut back in some Medicare and commercial markets. The decline reduced the value of United's offer to $3.97b. by Friday.

The transaction would have made United the largest health insurer in the US. United's problems suggest that the US managed-care industry is going to have to rethink its business as rising costs make providers unwilling to accept the kind of discounts from insurers they accepted in the past.

"There is a breakdown of the whole managed-care structure," said Sheryl Skolnick, an analyst at BancAmerica Robertson Stephens. "What it means is that the HMOs will be fundamentally and absolutely less profitable than they used to be."

Shares of Humana were unchanged at 18 5/16 in midmorning trading, while United fell 1 5/16 to 35.

The companies expected to save more than $100m. a year through the transaction, by cutting costs from physicians, hospitals and medical-device makers. The boards of both companies met separately over the weekend and decided to terminate the acquisition, said Greg Donaldson, a Humana spokesman. (Bloomberg)

Elron's 2nd qtr. plunges 53%

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Elron Electronic Industries yesterday reported that second-quarter net profit plunged 52.8 percent to $3.1 million from $6.5m. a year ago.

Elron said that second-quarter results were affected by the purchasing of Tapeguard Technologies for $1.2m. In addition, during the quarter the company sold shares in Orbotech recording a gain of $3.7m., compared with a capital gain of $7.6m. from the sale of Orbotech shares in the second quarter of 1997.

The company said that despite the decline in the second quarter, net profit for the first six months of the year soared to $43.7m., compared with $9.2m. at the equivalent period last year. The rise was attributed to a capital gain of $36.5m. arising from the sale of the ultrasound division of Elbit Medical Imaging to GE Medical Systems.

Tadiran Telecom hit by Korean crises

Tadiran Telecommunications yesterday said that second quarter net income fell to $6.6 million, from $7.4m. a year ago, mainly due to a sharp decline in sales to South Korea, one of its primary markets.

Sales for the second quarter also declined to $106.7m., from $122.3m. in the corresponding period a year earlier.

Net income for the first half of the year rose to $19.1m., from $12.4m. The company said, however, that excluding a one-time capital gain, net income for the first six months was only $9.9m.

Tadiran added that sales during the first six months of the year fell to $205.6m., from $239.2m. Despite that, exports sales reached 59% of all sales.

Dead Sea Bromine net declines as global demand falls

Dead Sea Bromine yesterday reported that second-quarter net profit fell to NIS 38.6 million, from NIS 39.7m. a year earlier.

The decline in profits was accompanied by a drop in sales which decreased to NIS 445.5m., from NIS 454.1m.

During the first half, net profit increased to NIS 67.2m. from NIS 64.9m. with sales rising to NIS 905.9m. from NIS 851.5m.

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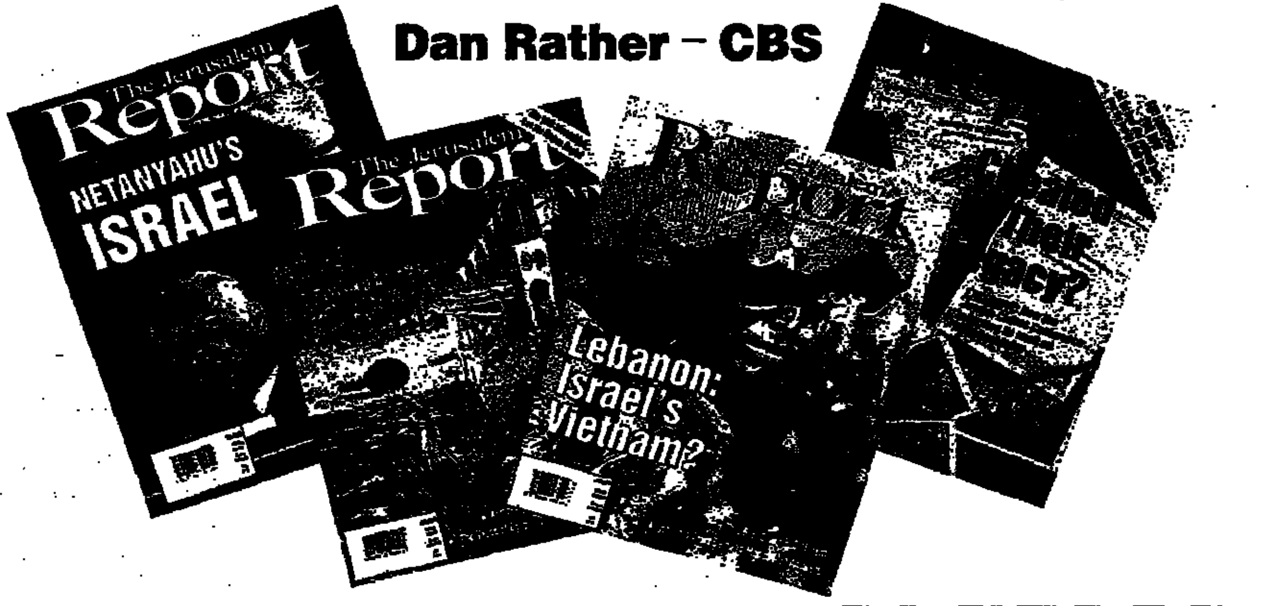

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Building Blocks

By Nina Gilbert

RESIDENTIAL
Tel Aviv and center

■ Tel Aviv Towers, a large-scale, high-rise residential project, is being constructed opposite the Shalom Center on the eastern side of the Ayalon freeway. Industrial Buildings, the country's largest real-estate company, is building the towers. It's the company's first residential project and will be the tallest housing complex in the country.

Situated on a 25-dunam area in the Nahalat Yitzhak neighborhood, Tel Aviv Towers will be comprised of four 34-story buildings, each with 112 apartments. Construction has begun on the first two towers, where occupancy is scheduled for October 2000.

The project also includes a commercial center and office tower. There will be a sports center with three swimming pools, a weight room, a squash court and a cafeteria.

Moshe Morag, CEO of Industrial Buildings, said the high-rise buildings are being erected with the most advanced technology, including high-speed elevators and security and safety systems. The company said it is putting an emphasis on public areas and services, including a day-care center, a private park with a jogging route, restaurants, a supermarket and other stores.

The apartments range in size from two rooms to six-room duplexes and penthouses. Prices run at about $100,000 a room.

■ On Rehov Arlozorov, a three-room apartment was sold for $179,000 via Century 21. The apartment is on the first floor with no parking and needs renovations. The asking price was $190,000.

■ A three-room 85-sq.m. apartment on Rehov Brandeis in a quiet location was sold for $250,000. The apartment is on the first floor with no parking and needs to be completely renovated. The asking price was $265,000.

■ In Kfar Sava, a three-room apartment on Rehov Tel Hai in excellent condition with air-conditioning was sold for $167,500 via Century 21. The apartment has 90 sq.m. and is in the rear of the building, facing a garden. The asking price for the apartment, which has no elevator or parking, was $185,000.

■ At nearby Moshav Tsur Yigal, a five-room cottage in excellent condition was sold via Century 21 for $260,000. The house has 130 sq.m. and sits on a half-dunam plot. Another floor can be added to the house, which also has a well-kept garden. The asking price was $280,000.

Jerusalem area

■ The first floor of the Arab-style building considered to be the oldest on Rehov Agron was sold for $600,000 via Gilinski Investments after six months on the market. The asking price for the apartment, needing renovations, was $650,000. The 160-sq.m. five-room apartment also has a 350-sq.m. garden in the back of the house, which is registered in the land registry. The ground floor of the two-story building was built in 1864.

■ The agency also sold a small three-room apartment with a view toward the Knesset on Rehov Bezalel for $195,000. The apartment was totally renovated, including air-conditioning, and redesigned to have most rooms facing away from the street. The apartment is on the first floor above store level.

■ In Rehavia, on Rehov Rada, a two-room penthouse was sold for $206,000, also via Gilinski. The partially renovated apartment was originally three rooms. It is on the third floor with no elevator. The asking price was $225,000.

■ On Rehov Marcus, an 85-sq.m. three-room apartment was sold for $270,000. The apartment needs renovations and is on the third floor without an elevator, but has a view from rounded porches.

■ In Ma'aleh Adumim, a five-room 177-sq.m. villa on Rehov Ha'eshel was sold for $320,000 via Century 21. The house, which sits on a 440-sq.m. plot, has a 290 sq.m. garden. The home was bought by a high-tech company executive from Tel Aviv.

■ In Modi'in, a three-room apartment in the Modi'in Hayeruka 2000 project was sold for $148,000 via Anglo-Saxon. The apartment has some 85-sq.m. plus a 40-sq.m. garden. A four-room 102-sq.m. apartment with a porch was also sold in the complex for $162,000. On Rehov Nahal Zion, a 135-sq.m. duplex with a 50-sq.m. garden and a basement was rented for $600.

Asian octopus heads for Europe

Europeans are preparing for a worsening economic picture as the tentacles of Asia's financial troubles radiate toward the Continent

By JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG

PARIS – The Asia crisis has begun to infect Europe: marble quarries in Northern Italy, raw-cotton vendors in Germany and cognac distillers in France are watching their markets half a world away wither or disappear.

Although Europe remains on an upward tick and does far more commerce within its own borders than anywhere else, Asia's troubles have so many tentacles that many here are braced for a worsening economic picture.

There is particular fear about a flood of Asian products newly cheapened by the collapse in that region's currency values – cut-rate, cutthroat competition for home-grown companies and workers.

"I'm worried because we haven't yet felt the shock wave from the Asia crisis," said Paolo Fresco, president of the Italian auto maker Fiat, which competes with Japanese and Korean imports.

Meanwhile, Italian fashion designers, purveyors of such trendy status symbols as Ferragamo shoes and Prada handbags to the nouveau riches of Bangkok, Thailand, and Hong Kong, have lost $570 million in export sales, the trade federation Federtessile says.

For French distillers, the Japanese and Southeast Asian market, the No. 1 consumer of the priciest cognacs 15 years old and older, has collapsed, dropping 23.7 percent in a single year. Lost sales of more than $165m. are forecast in 1998.

"The Charente (cognac-producing region) wine industry is a disaster zone, like textiles or steel," Philippe Sabouraud, member of a local grape growers association, said.

And last month, Bouygues S.A., a French construction company, stopped building a giant railway station in Kuala Lumpur when the Malaysians stopped paying. Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss engineering giant, has said Asia's woes may cost it $550m. in lost or canceled orders.

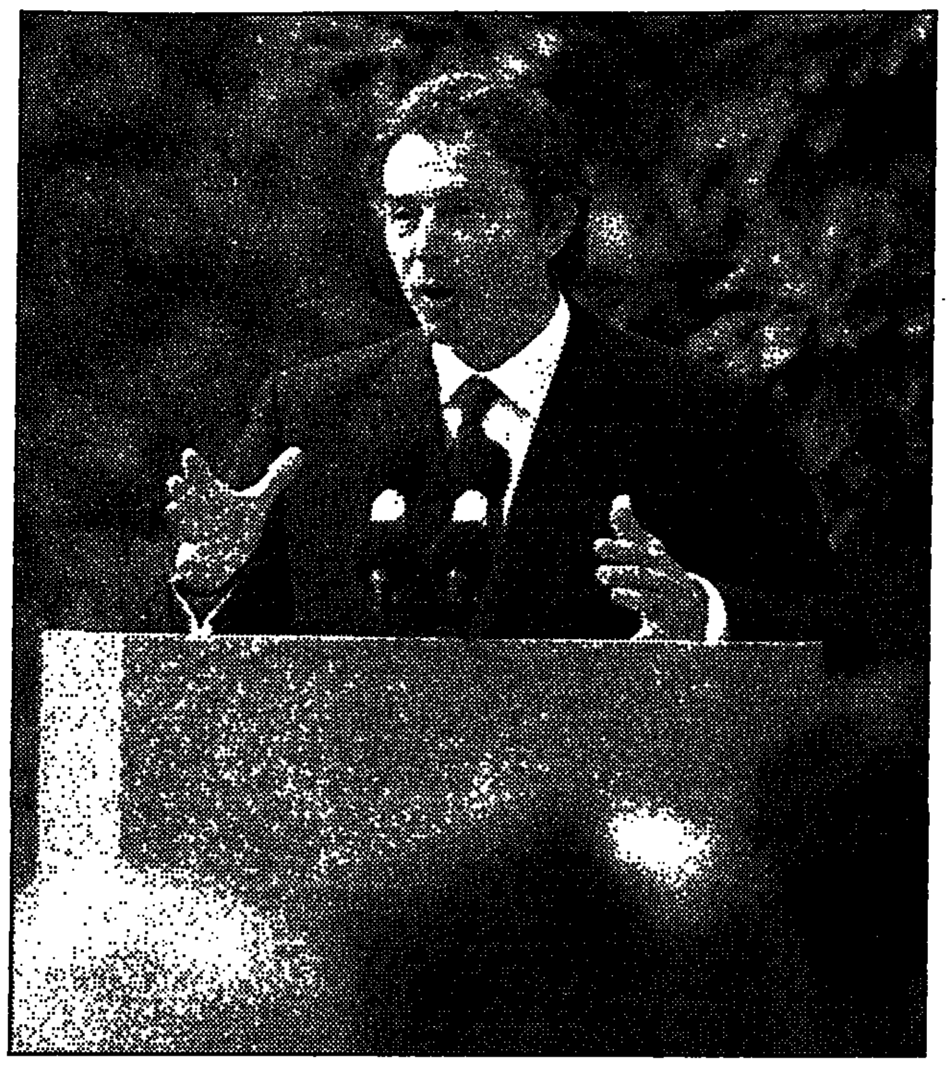
European banks' exposure in Asia is almost five times that of their warier US competitors: a total of $179.5 billion in loans at the end of 1997, according to Jerome Booth, head of research of ANZ International Bank in London.

So, if the Asians don't make good on their IOUs, it's essentially the bankers in Frankfurt, Germany, Paris, London and other Old World financial capitals who must take what in banking circles is jocularly known as a "haircut."

In the main, the Asian crisis so far has been much worse for America than for Europe. That's because Asia absorbs about one-third of all US products sent overseas, but less than 10% of what the 15 nations of the European Union export.

The back-of-the-envelope arithmetic looks like this: Asia's troubles have been graver than originally predicted. But a continuing domestic rally in Europe, and increased demand in the United States and other areas of the world, have been stronger than forecast.

The net result, at the moment, is roughly a wash.



British Prime Minister Tony Blair calls Asia's crash and Japan's recession 'the greatest risk for the world economy in 20 years.' (AP)

THE ASIAN downturn may slice 1.5% off US growth this year, American economists estimate. But in the European Union, which does nearly two-thirds of its trade within its own borders stretching from Ireland to Finland and Greece, the punch will be much softer.

Jacques Santer, European Commission president, predicts that the EU's overall growth rate will be pared by no more than 0.5% in 1998. For Europe, Santer says, the side effects of what's happened in Asia are "still marginal."

Take commercial jetliners as one illustration why. Boeing Co., the single biggest US exporter, had 377 orders on hand from the Asia-Pacific region when the year began – about one-third of its entire order book. For its only competitor, Europe's Airbus Industrie, the exposure to possible cancellations due to Asian turbulence was much less: 150 out of a total of more than 1,000 orders.

So although some businesses and some countries may be hurting more than others, the European Union is still reported on course for estimated 3% growth this year.

There's even a silver lining to Asia's gloom: The price of raw materials that most European nations must import has been kept low because of reduced Asian demand, with crude oil now at its cheapest in 12 years. Interest rates also have hit bottom. Both factors have given domestic European demand a boost.

Not everybody is sanguine. Greens parliamentary speaker Joschka Fischer, who may become Germany's foreign minister if his party and their Social Democrat allies win the Sept. 27 general election, maintains that "the Asia crisis is as dangerous as the Balkan conflict – just without blood."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, hosting a European economic summit earlier this summer, also sounded the warning siren: Asia's crash and Japan's recession, he said, constitute "the greatest risk for the world economy in 20 years."

In fact, what many business leaders fear is not Asia's year-old crisis as such, but the likely medicine that countries such as Thailand, South Korea or Japan may have prescribed for themselves: a big increase in exports, cresting on the lowest exchange rate of the Japanese yen in seven years and anemic values for other Pac Rim monies.

In Europe, that would make made-in-Asia goods cheaper, threatening European companies on their home turf and other continents as well.

And for makers of South Korean color television sets or Thai silk ties, Europe suddenly has become a much more crucial market because buying power at home has plummeted.

Deep discounts in import pricing are being seen in some sectors, such as steel, market watchers report. But it is only in 1999, according to Flemings Research, the London-based investigative arm of a British investment bank, that Europe will be swamped by an "Asian export boom."

Japan, whose profound troubles are the key to Asia's recovery, has a $4.2-trillion economy that out-strips Europe's two wealthiest countries – Germany and France – combined. If the Japanese don't take steps to soak up more of Asia's output, a good deal of it will end up in Europe, specialists here say.

Meanwhile, the plunge on Wall Street has generated jitters that the US market, even more vital because of Asia's infirmity, may be catching a cold itself – a turn of events that would be a calamity for Europe.

For all the threat from Asia, though, the crisis also has given Europeans an abundance of opportunity to strike bargains. Crashed currencies mean they can buy a lot more Korean wons or Indonesian rupiahs for their British pounds or German marks, inflating their buying power.

Gucci, the Italian fashion group, had been exporting 44% of its designer-label goods to Asia, and has seen a drop in overall sales of 10-15 percent. But it also has jumped at the chance to grab direct control of distribution, buying back recession-rocked franchises in South Korea, Taiwan and Guam.

"The collapse of the stock market (in some Asian countries), the collapse of the absolute values of companies in these areas is also creating opportunities for purchases and renewed interest by Italian investors in acquiring stocks and properties in countries like Hong Kong, etc.," said Franco Pavoncello, professor of political science at John Cabot University in Rome.

Capital flight from Asia also has been a boon for Europe's stock markets, and a shot in the arm for companies hungry for investment so they can grow.

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Bracing for the Monica market

While there is a correlation between recent events in the Clinton sex scandal and the sharp drop in stock prices, remember that it's company earnings that drive the Dow Jones

Ways of Wall Street

By JAMES K. GLASSMAN

So, is this it? Is the long-awaited bear market – or should I call it the Monica market – finally here?

After a 299-point decline last Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 59 points Wednesday, but it's still down more than 8 percent since July 17.

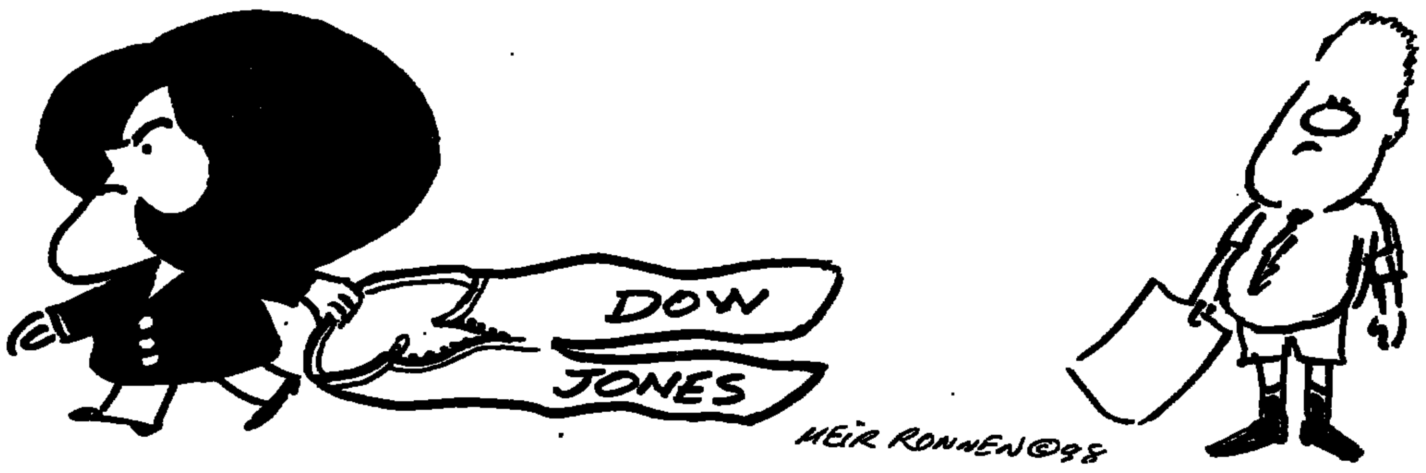
Microsoft Corp. has dropped $12 in seven days, and J.P. Morgan & Co. has skidded $15 in three weeks.

The blue chips, however, are riding high compared with the rank and file. The small-company stocks of the Russell 2000 index have fallen for 13 of the past 14 days; they're off 19% from their April peak. And Salomon Smith Barney Inc. reports that the average stock on the New York Stock Exchange is down 28% from its 52-week high.

What's next? I haven't the slightest idea. In fact, while that's the most popular question of the day, it's not the right one. When stocks fall sharply, you should ask only two things: Has something changed with the companies I own? (Usually the answer is no.) Are there any screaming bargains I should buy? (Often there are.) Unless you're playing with a small fun-and-games account, you should be in the market only for the long term, at least five years.

In that case, daily or monthly moves are meaningless, except when they create good markdown opportunities. And remember that no one can predict short-term moves in the market. No one.

There is, however, a third question of great intellectual interest: What the heck is going on here?



One popular explanation for the market's decline is the revival of the scandal involving President Clinton and a former White House intern. "Lewinsky situation stirs political fears, unsettling investors," said a typical headline in the *Wall Street Journal* last week.

Certainly there's a correlation between recent events in the scandal and the sharp drop in stock prices. The Dow peaked, for example, on the day that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist refused to block Secret Service agents from testifying before a grand jury investigating the president's ties to Monica Lewinsky.

The decline gained momentum over the following few weeks as Lewinsky reached an immunity agreement with prosecutors and the president, after a subpoena was issued, agreed to testify Aug. 17.

"I think it's definitely what cracked the market," Charles Henderson, chief investment officer at Chicago Trust Co., told me, referring to the scandal's revival. "If there's one thing the market hates, it's uncertainty."

Yes, but uncertainty is always with us. Besides, correlation is not causation. The market's decline also tracks the heat wave in Texas, the losing streak of the Philadelphia Phillies and my completion of Wallace Stegner's very good book "Angle of Repose," but those events – as far as I can tell – did not produce lower stock prices.

Also, you could conclude from recent history that the Lewinsky affair is a boon to the market. Before the scandal became public on Jan. 21, the Dow had fallen 386 points from its August 1997 high. New embarrassments poured out until April Fools' Day, when a federal judge in Arkansas dismissed the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit and Clinton seemed to be out of the woods. But during that difficult 10-week period for the president, the Dow actually rose 1,047 points.

Also, remember that during this Year of Lewinsky, the Dow has returned more than 8%, which is better than average at this stage for the past 72 years.

In fact, I am skeptical that the uncertainty generated by any scandal can, by itself, have a serious effect on the market. Analysts point to Watergate, when the Dow fell 26% in the 19 months between the first revelations in 1973 and President Nixon's resignation the following August. But it was the economy, stupid, that roiled the markets. There was a severe recession in 1974, and, at the same time, inflation exceeded 10%.

Yes, scandals can affect elections, which can affect economic policy. Clinton's troubles could lead to Republicans' gaining seats in Congress this November or even the White House in 2000. But it is hard to see how that would upset Wall Street.

The rebirth of the scandal, however, may have been a catalyst. Bob Farrell of Merrill Lynch & Co., one of the best analysts in the business, warned clients on July 22 of the deterioration in stocks just below the blue-chip level and said that the bull market was coming to an end.

Why? "Markets prepare to go up and prepare to go down," he wrote. "They find a trigger when they are ready."

Lewinsky may have been that trigger, but it could just as easily have been something else.

Let's ignore politics and return to basics. The value of a stock is ultimately determined by the profits of the company that issues it.

Stocks are priced prospectively – that is, based on investors' predictions about future profits. A change in that view of the future is what causes prices to go up or down.

Right now, it appears that investors are more pessimistic about future profits, mainly because the economic crisis in Asia is beginning to affect companies based here. Worse, they see a possible recession ahead – the first decline in US growth in seven years.

They are worried, as they should be.

For example, International Business Machines Corp. recently reported that its earnings for the second quarter were up a measly 5% after an overall gain of 17% in 1997 and 15% in 1996. While double-digit profit increases have been the norm for the past few years, the average for all stocks has been just 4% over the past three months.

If the economy is indeed weakening, what should a small investor do? The best advice is to sit tight or buy more. That is what Chicago Trust's Henderson is doing, as much as he frets about the Lewinsky scandal.

The largest fund that he advises, Chicago Trust Growth and Income, has returned 14% this year, far ahead of the market. With a top rating ("1") from Value Line, it's a low-turnover fund that holds its stocks for an average of four to five years, compared with just one year for the typical fund.

"We're not doing any selling," Henderson said. Instead, he has been buying three "steady, above-average growers": Harley-Davidson Inc., motorcycles; Ecolab Inc., maintenance services; and AES Corp., global electric power.

That could be the ticket to success – companies with strong brand names and stable profits that have been passed over, or, perhaps thanks to Lewinsky, beaten down.

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THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT

By Greer Fay Cashman

11.8 Some of the topics being discussed at the **4th Annual Accounting and Finance Conference**, hosted by Tel Aviv University's Faculty of Management, include: "Dividend and capital gains taxation in firm valuation"; "Capital markets and the evolution of family business"; "Information asymmetry and insider gains"; and "Transaction costs and patterns in stock returns after earnings." Sessions are being held in room 405 of the Recanati Building.

12.8 **The lightning visit by leaders of the Israel Bonds organization** concludes today with an economics seminar at the Jerusalem Hilton. Israel's major industrial figures are expected to participate, including Dan Propper, head of the Israel Manufacturers Association; Dan Gillerman, president of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce; Avi Rosenthal, director-general of the Israel Hotels Association; and Avishai Braverman, head of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Before leaving the country, the Bonds leaders are also scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and later with US Ambassador Edward Walker.

16.8 The Jerusalem School of Business Administration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, together with Globes Initiative, will present a two-day seminar on **Risk Management in Banks**. The event, featuring leading Israeli and Canadian financial officers in banks, insurance companies, pension funds and other financial institutions, will be held at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel.

26.8 Will the year 2000 bring a much needed boost to Israel's plummeting tourist industry? This and other questions related to turn-of-the-century tourism will be probed by experts from different fields of tourism at a study day on **Israel as a World Tourist Center in the Year 2000.** The event, to be held at the Jerusalem Hilton, begins at 8:45 a.m.

31.8 **The Annual General Meeting of Dor Chemicals** will be held at 10 a.m. at the company's registered premises, 17 Katzenstein Street, Haifa. In addition to the usual business of discussing and accepting reports, appointing new directors and accountants, and approving their remuneration, stockholders will also be asked to approve the 1997 dividend recommended by the board of directors.

3.9 The Israel Management Center is holding a study evening at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv, on **Israeli Medical Expertise: Where is it headed?** Speakers will include medical and legal experts representing academia, the Health Ministry, leading hospitals and health clinics.

9.9 Town planners, architects, building contractors, mortgage banks and other financiers will congregate at Gan Oranim in Tel Aviv to participate in a symposium on **Urban Planning Toward the Next Century.** The hot topic of the day-long event will be tall-tower construction, which given the paucity of available land, will change the national skyline. Also on the agenda is the creation of artificial islands in the sea to enable off-the-mainland construction. The symposium will be attended by Deputy Housing and Construction Minister Meir Porush.

16.9 **Marketing Via the Internet** is one of several conferences taking place within the framework of Infotech '98. The conference, to take place at Gan Oranim between 8:30 a.m and 4:30 p.m., features Dr. Cliff Kurtzman, president of the Tenagra Corporation. "Internet marketing today and in the foreseeable future" is just one of the issues tabled for discussion.

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LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	500	0
Africa Israel 0.1	21500	-1.4
Africa Israel 1	194800	2.5
Agis	2560	-0.8
Al Paper Mills	13400	-1.9
Al-Rov	2620	-3.1
Azorim	3100	-1.3
Azorim Prop.	720	7.5
Bank Leumi 0.1	725	0.3
Baran	3020	0.7
Bayside 1	47800	-0.4
Bayside 5	218800	0
Bezeq	1305	0.8
Blue Square	5360	2.1
Bromine	3290	0.6
Clal Electronics	59700	2
Clal Industries	2170	0.5
Clal Insurance	4110	3.2
Clal Israel 1	10330	-0.1
Dan Hotels	1158	0.1
Dankner	2200	0
Darban	924	0.8
Dead Sea Works 0.1	903	1.3
Delek 0.1	12100	0.8
Delek Car	720	2.9
Development Mort	24400	2.5
Discount Bank	476	-2.3
Discount Inv.	12600	0.8
Elbit 0.003	928	0.9
Elbit Imaging	3130	-0.6
Elbit system	5030	0.6
Elco	1904	-0.7
Elco Industries	3470	0
Electra	18300	-1.3
Electra App	2570	3.1
Elite Ind. 1	2520	0
Elite Ind. 5	11750	-1.1
Elron 0.003	6690	1.2
FIBI 5	3580	2.2
First Int'l 1	508	-1
First Int'l 5	2580	-0.8
First Int'l Mort	53000	4.9
Formula	12150	-0.4
General Bank	10690	-2.1
Granit Hacarmel	731	-0.5
Hadarim Prop.	8650	-0.8
Ham-Let	2100	1
Hapoalim 0.1	1101	-0.4
Harel Mishmar 1	3800	2.8
Harel Mishmar 5	17350	2.6
I.D.B. Dev.	10290	-0.5
I.D.B. Holdings	9990	-1.6
ILDC	2380	1.3
Ind Bldgs	622	-0.2
Israel Chemicals	472	-1.9
Israel Corp. 1	30300	1.7
Isrotel	700	5.7
Jafora	811	0.5
JCT	37.9	0.5
JEC	1959	2.8
Kitan	354	-5.4
Knafaim	5220	-0.6
Koor	43500	1.1
Leader	1370	2.9
Leumi Insurance	235	2.1
Leumi Mortgage	83400	-3.7
Liraz	3900	-2.1
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	1146	1.1
Maman	650	4.5
Matav	4640	-1.3
Mehadrin	13960	3.2
Mei Eden	1657	1
Melisseron	1242	-11.1
Menorah Ins. 1	2160	1.9
Milomor	1570	-0.6
Mishkan	71000	2.4
Mizrahi Inv.	10300	3
NATSVA REGULAR	1518	-2.1
Nice Systems	13560	-0.1
Ocif	7750	0.6
Orbit	1273	0
Ormat Industries	585	-0.9
Osem Industries	1918	1.4
Petrochemicals	2110	-1.9
Phoenix Ins. 1	5900	-2.5
Poalim Inv.	12620	1
Prop & Bldg	34700	0.6
Salt Industries	2140	1.9
Solel Bone	4780	-0.4
Supersol	1248	0.2
Tadiran	14320	1
Tambour	635	0
Tefahot	209700	0.5
Tempo	1755	-1.2
Teva	13760	0.7
Urdan	267	-0.4
Wire and Cables	1127	-0.8
Ytong Industries	940	0

KARAM
SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	379	0
Solomon Holdings	435	3.1
Abjec	1.9	0
Abudi	44.1	0
Ace-Spade	92.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	171	0.5
Ackerstein Ind.	540	-2.8
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1766	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7800	0
adakom	38.5	0
Adanim	391700	10
Adler	118	2.2
Adsha	143.5	0
Adumim	206	0
Afrca Hotels Bond B	94.5	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	61	0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	137.5	0
Afeak Ind	1090	0
Agis Warrant 3	25	0
Agis Warrant 4	559	4.7
Agish Int'l	378	-0.5
Agri Investments	574	0.9
Al-Ben	119	0
Al-Ben Bond A	112.5	2.3
Alha c2	99.2	2.2
Alha w6	167.9	4.7
Alliance	668	0.4
Aloni	311	3.9
Alony-Hetz	537	2.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	245	3.7
Alrod	175.5	0
Alrod Warrant 1	5	0
Alrov Bond D	81.9	0.5
Alrov Warrant 5	343	0
Alumir	211	1.9
Alumit	1907	0
Amigar	176	0
Amitec	235	0
Ammeil Warrant 1	36	-5.6
Amnet	650	1.5
Ampa Investments	117000	0
Analyst EMS	888	3.8
Angel Trade	32	7.9
Angel Trade Bond A	145.5	0.3
Angel Trade Bond B	108.5	0.9
Angel Trade Bond C	56	0
Apcon	1000	0
Apcon warrant 1	315	0
Applicom	3840	0
Aracell Warrant 2	515	3.1
Arad	1530	-8.3
Arad Towels	917	1.2
Arazim	74	0
Arazim Bond 1	240	0
Argaman	266	0
Arieden	1075	0.7
Arpal	349	0
Aryt	128	-7.1
Ashkelon Plywood	590	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	247	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	126	1.6
Ashlad	388	0
Ashlad Bond A	157	1.9
Ashot	321	-5.6
Ashot Bond A	165	0
Ashpara	79	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	174.5	0.3
Ashtrom Bond 2	151	0
Ashtrom Ind.	498	0
Ashtrom Prop.	223	1.3
Astrom P Bond 1	99.8	2
Astrom p warrant a	25.2	0
Astrum Bond C	97	-0.5
Astrum Warrant 2	26.8	4.5
Atlon	79	0
Atmor	2430	0
ATX	197.5	1
ATX Bond A	154.5	0
Azmon	226	0
Aura	3960	-0.8
Avarot	420	3.8
Avarot Bond A	161	0
Averbuch Formica	549	0
Aviv	346	3.6
Aviv Bond 1	155.5	0
Aviv Bond 2	91.5	2.2
Avner	2.3	9.5
Avrot Bond 2	96	3.7
Avrot Warrant 2	75	4
Ayalon	461	0
Azimuth	460	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	171.5	0.9
Azorim Warrant 13	485	-6.6
Azorim Warrant 5	100.8	0.1
Azorim Warrant A	899	8.6
Azorim Warrant B	857	-4.9
Badash Bond 1	34.1	0
Baldi	420	0
Balentine 1	150	0
Balentine Bond A	130	0
Balentine Warrant 2	6.9	0
Balron	2710	-11.1
Barna'asaf	95.2	0
Barna'asaf Bond A	144	0
Bar	329	0
Bar Bond A	127	1.2
Barad	257	-0.4
Baranowitz	789	-1
Barkan	675	-15.9
Barsol	109	10.1
Bartal	249	0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	92	-0.5
BaySide Warrant D	2310	0
Beit Shemesh	1735	0.8
Belmon	377	-0.5
Ben Yakar Bond A	157	0.8
Ben Yakar Bond B	81.5	0
Ben Yakar Gat	3355	2.8
Benman	183	0
Bezek Bond 3	132.5	0.1
Bezek Bond 4	2900	0
Bezek Warrant 3	0	0
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	393	1.5
Bilu	1900	-8.9
Bilu Bond A	190	0
Binar	400	0
Biri	264	10
Bolos Bond B	80	0.5
bolos gad warrant 1	49.9	6.2

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Bonei Tichon	605	0
Bonjour	457	0
Boulous Brothers	158.6	0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	283	0
Boulous GD Bond A	137	1.1
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	63.5	7.6
Brok Side	15.8	0
Brosh	122.5	8.4
Building Bank	1725	0
Building Resou.	3600	0
C Holdings	570	0
C Holdings Bond 5	85	-0.2
C Holdings Warrant 3	1.5	50
Caesarea 1	4900	0
Cantel	3720	1.6
Capital	810	0
Capital Bond A	120	1.7
Caprice	353	4.2
Cargal	840	0
Carmel	580	2.5
Carmiel	492	5.4
Caspo	536	0
Catalana 1	343	-1.2
CDI	172	3
Camentcal Bond A	76.7	0.9
Camentcal	480	3.5
Centre	142.5	0
Centre Bond 1	131	2.3
Cham	501	0
Chayun Computers	151.5	0
Chemipal	444	0
Chen-Nir	531	0
CI Systems	175	0
Cidab	148	0
Clal Computers	9590	-0.6
Clal Israel 5	0	0
Clal Retail	64044	0
Cohen Beni	123.5	0
Cohen Dev.	212	2.8
Cohen MM	161	0
Cold Storage 1	1859	0
Cold Storage 5	9690	0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	255	0
Compl	159	0
Compl Warrant 1	20	0
Compulite	187.5	0.5
Comtech	427	0
Comtrans	782	0
Contal	1020	0.1
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	615	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2360	0
Cyclone Bond 1	250	0.8
Cyclone Bond 2	151	2.6
Dalron	1729	0
Dalron Bond 1	247	0
Dalin	1.4	7.1
Dan Rent-A-Car	839	0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	182	1.2
Danbar 1	5000	-4
Danbar 5	19800	0
Danbar Bond A	275	-1.8
Danbar Resources	7600	0.7
Danbar Resources Bond B	167.8	0.5
Danbar Tech.	5970	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	151	0
Danel	52	0
Danel Bond A	87	0
Danel Personnel	2370	0.8
Danel Warrant 2	423	1.2
Dankner Bond 1	214	0.5
Dankner Bond 2	136	0
Dankner Bond 3	99	0.5
Dankner Warrant C	846	0
Danly	468	10.1
Darad	100	0
DARBAN BOND 2	104.1	0.1
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	231	0
Darban Warrant 3	153	2
Darsa	125.5	0.8
Darton	193	0
Dash Investment	990	-0.5
Dasa	568	0.5
Decision Systems	540	-0.4
Degem Systems	500	3.2
Delek Drillings	12.5	5.8
Delek Oil	1378	-0.5
Delta 1	4080	-2.2
Delta 3	11710	0
Destiny	1390	0
Digal	123.5	0.4
Dirom1	1275	0
Dolav	375	2.7
Dolav Bond A	133.5	0
Dolav warrant 1	43	0
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	158.5	0.3
Dor Berger	399	0.8
Dor Chim	332	0
Dorc w1	110	0
Dorea	56	0
Dorl c1	98.5	0
Dorl Engineering	432	0
Dorl Engineering Bond A	137	1.9
Dovrat Bond A	140.9	0.6
Dovrat Shrem	1489	-0.8
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	10	33.3
DSL	1019	3.2
Dubek M	2.6	4
Dubek S	2.5	0
Duniz	291	0.3
DYG Industries	481	0
E & M Computing	1100	2.7
Edgar Albani	82	0
Edgar Industries	192.8	-3.2
Edgar Inv. Bond C	86.9	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	25.4	2.8
Eilat Bond A	98	0
Elni	169	0
Eltam	298	2.7
Eltoman	3500	-2
El Bad	1980	0
El Canit	840	4.1
El Canit Bond 1	158	0.6
Elad	530	0
Elad Bond A	169	0
Elad Bond B	146.5	1
Elad c3	76.5	1.3
Elad w5	24	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	124	-1.5
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	554	6.9
Eldan Tech	222	0
Electronics Line	547	0
Elgar	4950	-0.4
Elishav	501	0
Elitech Ind.	1170	0.3
Elkam	345	0
Ella	393	0
Ella Bond A	141.5	1.1
Elran	3850	1.3
Elron Warrant 2	2605	0
Emek	140	0
Emyle	742	0.3
Engel Const.	739	0
ESE	2040	0
Eshed Robotech	192.5	0
Even	414	0
Evergreen	3270	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1447	-4.5
Excelance	1741	-0.5
Export Inv.	858	-0.2
Extra	98.5	-0.5
Feldman	168	0
Feldman Bond A	145.2	0
Feldman Ind.	279	9.8
Feldman Warrant 3	26.8	0
Fertilizers 1	119	0
Feuchtwanger 1	10500	0
Feuchtwanger 5	54700	-0.5
Fidelit	2468	-2
Five J Jewelers	300	6.4
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	129	0.4
Formica Source	122	0
Frusarom	411	1.2
Gahelet	17400	1.1
Galcom	209	8.1
Galram	1188	0
Gams	184	-0.5
Gamatronic	582	1.6
Gambit	1719	0
Gan ShmuelBond A	136	1.8
Gan ShmuelWarrant 3	809	-0.1
Gan Shmuel	1890	-0.8
Ganei Hadar	420	0
Gap Development	115	-2.8
Gap Holdings	236	0
Gap Warrant 2	9	0
Gazit	679	0
Gazit Bond B	147.5	0
Gazit Bond C	120	-2.8
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	87.5	0.9
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	650	0
Gibor Warrant 2	78	-3.8
Gilboa	77	0
Gilo	185	0
Gilat	1849	1
Givot Olam Oil	68.5	0.7
Glob Fit	770	1.3
Golan	615	2.6
Gold	413	0.5
Golden House	409	8.1
Golden House Bond 1	253	0.4
Golex	189.5	0
Granit Bond	150	0.3
Granit Bond 2	151.7	-1.5
Green Software	453	0
Greenberg	1700	-5.6
H. Electronics	55.5	0
H. Mer	980	0
Habas	2458	0
Habas Bond 1	131.5	1.9
Hadar 1	30000	0
Hadar 5	75000	0
Hadar Ins. 1	970	2.7
Hadar Ins. 5	3850	0
Hadarim Bond1.	114.8	0.3
Hadarim Warrant1	1347	-2.1
Hagal	371	-4.9
Hagal Bond B	155	0.8
Hamator	317	0
Harel	5.2	0
Harel Bond A	470	1.1
Hasin Esh	699	-0.4
Hason	174.5	0
Hatehof 1	275	0
Hatehof Bond A	148	0
Hayal	1155	4.7
Hayal Bond1	11.1	0
Hayal Bond2	140	0
Hayal Warrant 1	64.1	0.4
Hed Arzi Music	428	0
Hiron 1	12000	0
Hiron 5	43500	0
HL Service Bond 2	184.5	1.4
HL Service Bond 3	146.5	0.3
HL Services	1392	0
Hod	154	0
Hof	706	10
Holit	116	-6.5
Home Center	8860	3.9
Hydrolics	123.5	0
IES Industries	616	7.5
IES Warrant 1	100	0
Ilan Gat	115.5	5
Ilan Gat Bond A	146	1.4
ILDC Bond 6	265	2.6
ILDC Hotels	587	4.6
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	171.2	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	159	17.3
ILDC Insurance	455	8.8
ILDC Insurance Bond A	138	0.5
Imco	1088	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	48.6	2.1
Ind Bldgs R1	25	0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	303	-3
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3110	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3110	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1784	-1.5
Independence Mort	87000	3.8
Intercosma	774	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	13000	2.3
Iscal	1700	0
Ispro	4300	0
Isracolor	465	0
Israel Corp. 5	131500	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	136.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	172.6	0
Isralom	1049	0
Isralom Bond B	268	0
Isralom Bond C	89	1.1
Isramco	2.7	0
Issta 1	7190	0
Issta 5	29100	0
Issta Bond A	246	0
ISTA LINES	2300	0
Itay	2550	0
Itay Bond 1	77	0.9
Itay Warrant 1	375	0
Itay Warrant 2	45	0
Jafora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	137	0
Jaysour Bond A	104	0.5
JEC Bond B	98	1
Jerusalem Mort	219	13.2
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	162.5	1.5
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	90	-3.9
JOEL Bond 1A	218	0
JOEL Bond 2	125	0.5
JOEL Bond A	218	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.5	0
Kadmon	167	6
Kadouri	355	4.4
kafrica bond b	87.1	0.1
kafrica warrant 1	80	-4.8
Kahal	1325	0
Kalkalit Bond A	98.1	0
Kalkalit warrant 2	326	0
Kamour	575	0
Kamour Bond G	127.5	0
Kamsept	1180	2.7
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kancol	30.7	0
Kancol Bond A	40	0
Kardan 1	543	2.4
Kardan 5	2620	1.1
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	4000	5
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenstax	341	0
Kesher	700	0
Kesher Bond A	151.8	0
Keter	649	2.9
Kind	24.2	-10
Kind Bond A	67.5	8.9
King	271	0
Kinneret	227	0
Kisch Kinur	185.5	0
Kishrei Teufa	1120	0
Kital	329	0
Kital Bond A	152	0
Kital Bond A	118	1.7
Kli Ind. 5	6350	0
Koor Bond 5	153.8	0.2
Kopel	235	0
Kopel Bond 1	244	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	130	3.1
Lachish	3390	8.6
Lamont	600	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	75	0
Lasers	430	8.1
Laviav	592	0
Laznick Bldg	492	2.4
Laznick Comm Ctrs	163	-2.1
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	129	1.2
Laznick Ind Bldgs	340	10.3
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	140.1	1.1
Leader Warrant B	3.5	0
Lego	480	0
Leumi R4	85.9	0
Leventhal	414	0.2
Levi	725	0
Levi Bond A	143	0.7
Levi Bond B	88.3	0
Levi Warrant 2	76	0
Levinstein Bond A	97.5	0.4
Levinstein Warrant 2	816	0
Levinstein	1540	0
Liber	348	-1.4
Lidan	1390	0
Lishir 1	173.8	0
Lishir 5.	602	-0.2
Ligad	748	2
Ligad Bond 1	150	1
Lighterage 1	600	0
LIMS	245	0
Lipman	2850	0.7
Lipski	2720	-0.7
Lipski Bond A	170	2.4
Liraz Bond A	157	0.1
Lodan	164	0.6
Lodzia 1	1404	0
Lodzia 4	5077	1.3
Luhot Gali	32.4	0.6
Luhot Gali Bond 1	143	0
Lumir	3650	0
Ma'ariv	3130	-3.8
Ma'ariv Bond A	145	-1.3
Masbarot	1225	0
Macpell	844	-0.1
Macpell Bond A	138.5	1.1
Macpell Bond B	114.1	0
Macpell Bond C	80.5	0.6
Macpell Warrant 3	66.4	-0.8
Mafil	790	0
Magera	149.5	0
Magam Bond A	167.5	0.3
Magam Bond B	127	1.2
Magav	131.5	0
Magma	39.9	9.9
Magor 1	2080	0.5
Magor 5	10500	0.2
Magor hldgs. Bond B	82.1	1.9
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	665	0
Malal	288	0
Mali	471	0
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	0	0
Malta	760	0
Man	88	0
Man Bond A	215	0
Mantur	26.7	-0.4
Marathon	97	-2.1
Marathon Insured	103	-0.4
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	170	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	151.5	0
Maritime Bank	1519	-2.1
Maritime Bank Bond A	199	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	144.1	1
Mashav	884	3.6
Mashbir	736	4
Mashov	376	1.3
Mashov	189.5	0
Matam	1271	0
Matav Warrant 1	1369	0
Maxima 1	345	1.8
Maxima 5	1574	0
Mazpak	735	-1.9
Med. Hotels	28.4	0
Mediatechnica	739	-0.5
Mediatechnica Bond A	134	-1.5
Mediatechnica Bond B	83	2.5
Mediatechnica Warrant 2	165	-4.5
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	53	0
Megeson	57.5	0
Meimad	361	0
Meir Ezra	2200	6.8
Meir Ezra Bond B	252	0
Melet	294	0
Melisseron Bond B	94	1.1
Melisseron Warrant 3	44	0.2
Mendelson	215	0
Menolim	37.1	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8700	0
Mercazit	920	-3.3
Merhav	196.2	0
Meytavit	315	-0.3
Middle East Tube	400	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	109.9	2
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	21.8	0
Milmor Bond A	144.5	0
Milomar Bond B	83.7	3.2
Milomar Warrant 2	120	-37.5
Mimsar	105	0
Mini Line	580	0
Miorav	14290	-0.1
Mirage	233	0
Mirage Bond A	137.7	0
Mirage Warrant 1	18.5	9.2
Mironit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	145.1	0.4
Mishor Hahof	379	0.5
Milsani	168.5	0
Mivtach Shamir	2470	0.9
Mivtach Shamir	1401	0
Mizrahi	997	-2.2
Mizrahi warrant 1	410	-4.9
Mizrahi warrant 2	215	-5.6
MM Engineering	138.5	0
MM Engineering Bond A	103.5	-2.4
Modgal	700	1.3
Modi'in	1	0
Mollet	224	0.9
Mollet Convertible Bond AAA	310	0
Molett	858	0
More Plastic Ind.	399	1
Moshkovitz	196	0
MTI Computers	450	0
Mul-T-Lock	818	2
Mula Santer	223	0
Nachshon Fund	50.5	1.6
Naphtha	34.6	1.4
Naphtha Oil Exp.	25	2
Natour	700	5.6
NATSVA BOND A	103.3	0.8
Navigator	386	0
Navigator Property	753	0
Nechushtan Bond B	79.8	3.6
Nechushtan Prop.	198.9	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	139	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	26.5	0
Negev Ceramics	184.5	4.4
Nehushtan 1	590	-2.5
Nehushtan 5	2580	0
Neot Aviv	7200	0
Nesua	470	3.6
Neve Arbel	132.5	1.9
Nevim Hotels	385	3.4
Neviot	720	1.9
Nia	233	0
Nikuv	1150	0
Nisco	3050	0
Nissan	268	0
NMC	304	0
Noga	1601	0.1
Noga Incorens	118	0
Nordan	10.9	0
Nordan Tech.	379	0.8
Norfolk	670	0
Norfolk Bond A	141.5	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	924	0
Oceana	282	0
Ocif Bond A	179.5	0
Ocif Bond C	90.1	1.2
Ocif Warrant 2	723	0
Octava	830	0
Olek	230	0.9
Ofer Bro	5850	2.6
Oilfs	1188	0
Ogden	61	0
Ohelley	517	8.1
Oil Fields	1	0

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Ole-Dok	282	-0.4
Omni	265	0
Omnitech	168.3	0
Ophir	395	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	124.5	0
Ocsys	2911	0
Orazit	350	12.6
Orazit Bond A	159	0
Orda	4120	0
Orda Bond 1	184	0
Orev	900	7
Oneli	129.8	0
Ortis	320	3.1
Ortis Bond A	89	1.1
Ortis Warrant 2	42	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	127.1	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	185	-2.7
Ortal	380	0
Otzar Hashilton	27500	-1.8
Oz	220	0
Oz aside	420	0
Packer Steel	6080	0
Palough	610	-1.6
PAM	604	-4.1
Pama	649	9.1
Pamas	2750	0
Pan Dor	250	0
Pardes	711	-10
Pardes Bond A	60	-0.8
Passport	2280	2.2
Paz Chen	459	-11.1
PCB	1645	0
Pdan Investment	46.9	0
Pereg	90	-5.6
Periclase	805	-1.1
Phoenix Ins. 5	23000	0
Pica Plast	480	2.1
Pinros	130.5	0
Pinros Bond A	141.5	0
Pitkol	475	3
Plason bond a	100.8	1
Plason warrant 1	480	-5.2
Plasson	4000	0.5
Plasto Sac	750	7.8
Plasto Shack Bond A	91	6
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	95	23.2
Poalim Inv. Bond B	94.5	0.2
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2730	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	139	2.2
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	2500	2.8
Polak	274	9.6
Polgat A	320	2.2
Polgat B 4	1150	-1.2
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	262	10.1
Polygon Bond 2	221	0.5
Poraz	265	1.9
Port	80.5	0
Poseidon	129	6.2
Pri Haemek	19.5	4.8
Pri Haemek Bond A	33.3	0
Pritzker	219	2.8
Pritzker Bond A	144	1.1
Profit	302	0
Profit Bond A	130	0
Python	500	0
Quality Cap Mkts	576	2.8
Rabintex	212	0.5
Ram Zur	88	0
Ramgor 1	283	2.2
Ramgor 4	702	0
Rapak	2400	-3.3
Rapak Bond A	182	0
Rassco	1045	0
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	124.8	4.6
Ravad	171	0
RDC	1089	0
RDC Bond A	143	0
Red Sea Hotels	979	-4.2
Regency	110	7.3
Regency Bond 1	117.8	0
Regent	336	2.7
Regent Bond A	141	0.7
Rekah	400	5.8
Reshef	48.2	0
Reshef Bond B	104.5	0
Rimoni	855	2.9
Rogosin	1359	-0.1
Rogozin Bond A	78	1.3
Rogozin Warrant B	410	-22
Romtech	374	-0.3
Rosebud	114.5	2.2
Rosental	132	8.2
Rotem	339	0
Rotshtein	141	0
Rotshtein Bond A	130.5	0
RSL	800	-1.9
Sadot Mop Bond A	100	0
Sahar Bond a	94	0.5
Sahar Dev.	2833	0
Sahar Securities	583	3
Sahar Warrant 1	296	2.1
Sanlacol	234	3.4
Sano 1	2060	0
Sano 5	11530	8.7
Scope	1220	0
Scope Bond A	93	0.4
Scope Warrant 2	170	0
Sea Trade	541	5.5
Secom	284	0
Securitas	819	0
Securitas Bond A	181	0.3
Selen	1281	0
Seraton	455	0
Shaked	323	0
Shamir	204	-0.5
Shatiyah	1490	0
Shef	343	0
Shekel	141	0
Shekel Bond A	148.5	0
Shekem	79.3	0.3
Shekem Barkan Bond 4	158.2	-0.4
Shekem Bond 1	149.5	0.6
Shekem Warrant 1	1	0
Sheleg	119	0
Shem Tov	278	0
Shemen	12460	0
Shemen Bond A	165	0
Shladot	67.5	-0.7
Shlomo Angel	5139	0
Shmi c2	88	0
Shmi w2	216	7.4
Shmira	880	0
Shmira Bond A	153	1.9
Shniv	650	0
Shove	318	-1.3
Shtang	103.5	0.5
Shulamit	306	7
Shulamit Bond A	144.5	0.3
Sinai	432	0
Sinai Bond A	140	1.1
Solel Bone Bond A	110	0.1
Soll BoneR1	850	-2.9
Solog	601	-4
Solomon	446	0
solomon bond a	77.5	0.6
solomon warrant 2	55.5	35.4
South Pipe	424	0.2
Spancrit	252	0
Spectronix 1	1295	0
STG	1294	1
STG Bond A	105	0
Sunfrost	3974	2.5
Suny Electronics	840	0
Synopsis	178	0
Synopsis Bond A	142.3	0
Syntec	539	0
Ta'al	215	0
Tachol Bond B	86.7	0
Tachol Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	320	0
Tadiran Appl	505	2
Takam	1820	0
Tal	189	0
Tal Bond A	77.8	0
TAP Bond 1	271	0
Tashloz bond a	123	0
Tashloz warrant 2	315	1.3
Tashluz	1190	-0.8
Tashluz Bond A	171	0
Tashluz Bond B	132.5	1.4
Tashluz Prop.	1093	-0.1
Tashluz Warrant 2	4.9	0
Taste of Israel	185	3.9
TAT 1	390	0
TAT 5	1392	0
TAT Bond A	248	0
Taya	812	0
Taya Comm. 1	270	0
Team Computers	6180	0
Technoplast	580	0.3
Technoplast Warrant 2	800	1
Tedea	2050	0
Tedea Bond A	103	0
Tedea Warrant 1	272	-9.3
Tefahot Preferred	208900	1.6
Telen	1746	0
Teldor	639	0
Telsis	1695	0
Telsis Warrant 1	350	2.9
Tene	244	0
Teuza	260	0.8
Teuza Insured	268	-0.7
Tibon Veal	164	0
Tim Warrant 3	637	7.4
Tiv	410	0
TMM	117.5	0
Tobias	2310	0.4
Tom	940	0
Topline	574	0
Topline Bond 2	153.5	0.7
Topper	25.8	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Tosaf Compounds	344	3.6
Trade	404	-0.2
Trade Bond A	196	0
Trend Line	1704	0
Trocadero	25.8	0
Trydikal	397	0
Tsabar	155	0
Tsarfati	585	0
Tsarfati Bond A	149	2.7
Tsur	182	0
Tsur Bond A	245	0
Tsur Bond B	115	0
Tsur Bond C	96.3	0
Tsur Preferred	182	-1.1
Tuttenauer	1000	-1
Tzmicha	224	0
Tzmicha Bond A	159	0
Ulitski	39.8	0
Uniber 1	754	0
Uniber 5	784	0
Unico	3492	0
Unicom 1	52	0
Unicom Bond 1	223	1.4
Unidress	2180	-11.1
United Steel	143	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	155.2	0
Univercol	336	0
Urdan Warrnt 5	140	0
Urope Israel	2890	-3.8
Vardinon	25900	1.2
Vardinon Bond A	152	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	146.5	0
Videomatrix	29.2	0
Vilar	410	0
Vilar Bond 1	148.5	0.3
Vill Food	1590	2.4
Villiger Bond A	137	0
Vitalgo	346	0
Vitalgo Bond A	120.5	0.4
Vulcan	448	0
Vulcan Bond 1	235	0.4
Will Bond A	90.9	0.4
Will Warrant 1	429	-0.2
Woolfman 1	690	2.8
Woolfman 5	3110	1.9

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Woolison	60653	2
Ya'ara	650	0
Yaacobi	143	0
Yaad Bond A	169	0
Yaad Bond B	82.5	3.1
Yaad Industries	330	10
Yaad Warrant 3	44.2	0
Yad	389	0
Yamit	185	0
Yarden	494	-1.2
Yarden Bond 2	122	0
YDPZ	237	0.9
YDPZ Bond A	150	0.3
Yeda	1490	0
Yehuda	218	1.9
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhshal	1700	0
Yhshal Warrant 1	375	0
Yona Bond A	157	-0.1
Yona Hotels	185	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	125.5	0
Zafrir	569	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	90	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	62	0
Zer	93	10.1
Zehav	145	2.5
Zeller Ablagon	429	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	150	1.4
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	130.5	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	65	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	4.7	0
Zika 1	739	0.3
Zika 5	2855	10
Zikit 1	4700	0
Zikit 5	20000	-5
Zinometal	655	0.2
Zion Cables 1	265	2.6
Zion Holdings	15010	0
Zion Textiles	174.5	5.1
Ziv	378	0
Zohar	264	-9.9
Zoko	260	4

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AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	35.875	0
Ampal American Israel	5.3125	-0.125
Carmel Container Sys.	7.875	0
Electro Chemical Ind.	0.8125	0
Emultek	5	-0.25
Etz Lavud	7.625	0
Etz Lavud Cl A	6	0
Integrated Technology	1.375	0

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	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	3.28125	-0.15625
Accent Software	0.4375	+0.03125
A.G. Associates	3.75	+0.25
Aladdin	10.125	-0.375
Ampal	15.75	+0
Arel Commun & Software	3.6875	+0.25
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.25	0
Bettar Online Solutions	5.25	-0.125
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.3125	+0.03125
Bio Technology General	6.5	-0.0625
B.V.R. Technologies	12.5	+0
Checkpoint Software	23.5	+0.75
Cimatron	2.625	+0
Comverse Technology	47.0625	-0.8125
Crystal Systems Solutions	11.25	-0.1875
D.S.P.G. Group	19.75	-0.25
D.S.P.T. Tech	8.875	-0.5
Data Systems Software	4.125	+0.125
ECI Telecom	34.75	-0.125
Edusoft	6	+0.3125
Electric Fuel	5	-0.125
Electronics for Imaging	14.375	+0
Elbit Computers	2.5	+0.1875
Elron Electronics ord	17.875	+0.5
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	7.25	+0.5
Elbit Medical Imaging	8.25	+0
Elbit Systems Ltd	13.375	+0.25
Eltek Circuit Boards	1.375	+0.09375
Engel General Developers	5.9375	+0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	25.125	+0.25
Elbit Vision Systems	2	-0.0625
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.46875	0
Formula Systems (1985)	32.625	+0.1875
Forsoft Ltd	18	+0.125
Fundtech	17.25	+0.375
Galileo	10.0625	-0.3125
G.Willi-Food	3.75	0
Gilat Comm Ltd	8.1875	+0
Gilat Satellite Networks	35.8125	-0.9375
Genesis Bnia	5.75	0
Healthcare Technologies	1.1875	-0.0625
Home Center	19.5	-0.125
I.C.T.S.	6.25	+0
IIC Industries	10.25	+0
I.I.S. Intelligent Info	1	0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	18.5	0
Indigo	3.875	-0.125
ISG Intl Software Group	7.875	-0.625
Isramco	2.375	+0
Isramco Warrants A	0.0625	0
Isramco Warrants B	0.03125	+0
Lan Optics	3.25	-0.125
Logal	1.375	+0
Level 8 Systems	7.625	-0.125
M-Systems Flash Disk	3.96875	+0.03125
Madge	3.75	-0.0625
Magal Security Systems	2.5625	-0.125
Matav	24.625	-0.375
Meda El	6.0625	-0.0625
Memco	23.25	+0.9375
Mer Telemanagement	1.75	-0.09375
Mercury	40.8125	+0.6875
Magic Software Enterprises	3.5	+0.25
Netmanage	1.9375	+0
New Dimension Software	29.875	+0.5
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	6.25	0
Nice Systems	34.9375	-0.8125
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.84375	+0.09375
Noga Electro Mechanical	2.125	+0
Nur Tecnology	3.125	+0.5
Opti Systems Solutions	6.8125	+0.0625
Optomedics Medical Tech	5.25	+0
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.8125	0
Orbit/FR Inc	6	+0.375
Orbotech	32	-1.4375
Orckit	14.375	+0.125
Oshap Technologies	7.125	+0.125
Paradigm Geophys	5.75	+0
Pharmos	2.25	-0.0625
Point of Sale	6.25	-0.375
Rada Electronics Ind	1.5	+0
Radcom Ltd	4.375	+0.125
RIT Technologies	7.375	+0
RSL Communications	37.75	+0.0625
Scitex Corporations	12.0625	+0.3125
Silicom	2.5	-0.03125
Summit Design	10.375	-0.125
Sapiens International	6.5	+0.25
Scanvec	2.6875	-0.0625
Tadiran Telecomm	17.5	-0.125
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5.125	-0.125
Tat Technologies	0.84375	-0.15625
Technomatix Technologies	15.8125	-0.3125
Teva	38.9375	+0.4375
Top Image Systems	3.0625	-0.25
Top Image Syetyms Warrant	0.3125	0
Teledata Communications	10.8125	+0.4375
Tower Semiconductor	6.25	+0.0625
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	5.625	+0.375
TTR Inc	2.437	+0
TVG Technologies	0.875	+0.0625
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.25	0
TVG Tech C	0.125	0
Vocaltec	9.6875	+0.6875
Wiz Tec Solutions	13.375	-0.25
Zag Industries Ltd	-	-
Zoran Corporation	7.625	+0.125

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	11.25	-0.4375
Blue Square	15.6875	-0.0625
D.S.P. Communications	15.75	+0.125
Elscint	5.9375	+0.25
First Israel Fund	14.4375	+0.4375
PEC Israeli Economic Corp	25.0625	+0
Koor	29.75	+0.5
Simula Inc	14	-0.375
Super-Sol Ltd	16.9375	+0.5
Tadiran	38.5	+1.25
Tefron Ltd	18.3125	+0

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 10-AUG-98)

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	185.5	+0
Dmatek Ltd.	30.5	+0
Pilat	42.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	5	+0

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 10-AUG-98)

INTERNATIONAL SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	36	-0.5625
AMP Inc	41.0625	+1.25
AMR Corp	84.375	-1.6875
ASA	18.0625	-0.25
Abbott Labs	40.4375	+0
Advanced Micro	17.9375	-0.0625
Aetna Life	88.9375	-1.75
Affiliated Publ	22.375	+0.125
Aflac	32.5625	-0.8125
Ahmanson (HF)	62.125	-0.125
Air Prods	34.25	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	24.25	-0.5625
Albertson's	48.9375	-0.4375
Alcan Aluminum	24.875	-0.0625
Allied Signal	36.25	-0.875
Alcoa	67.1875	+0.4375
Amax	-	-
Amazon	121.625	+6.625
Amerada Hess	47.375	-1.3125
Amer Brands	23.6875	+0.1875
Amer El Power	43	-0.25
Amer Express	100.813	-0.1875
Amer Genl Corp	66.1875	-0.125
Amer Greeting	45.0625	-0.5625
Amer Home Pr	51.125	-0.375
Amer Int'l	92.0625	-1.9375
Amer Nat'l Ins	90.25	-1.875
Amer Power Conv	33.25	-0.3125
Amer Stores	29.0625	-0.3125
Amer T & T	58.0625	-0.1875
Amer West Hldg	22.8125	+0
Ameritech	46.625	+0.1875
Ametek Inc	24.9375	-0.75
Amgen	71.8125	+1.125
Amoco	41	-0.125
Analog Devices	22.375	-0.0625
Andrew Corp	16	-0.125
Anheuser-Busch	50.625	+0.5
Aon Corp	64.25	-2.1875
Apple Computer	37.9375	+1.4375
Applied Magnetics	6.125	-0.125
Applied Materials	33.6875	-1.4375
Archer Daniels	17.8125	+1.1875
Armco	5.375	+0
Armstrong World	57.4375	-0.375
Asarco	21.625	+0
Ascend	48	+0.5
Ashland Coal	20.875	+1.1875
Ashland Oil	50.1875	-0.0625
Atlantic Energy	20.125	+0
Atlantic Richfld	64.5	-2.8125
Auto Data Pro	65.875	+0.25
Autodesk	35	+0.3125
Avery Dennison	57.125	+0.4375
Avnet Inc	53.975	-1.1875
Avon Products	82.1875	-1.25
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Balmco Corp	7.5	-0.0625
Baker Hughes	22.4375	-1.4375
Ball Corp	41.8125	-0.3125
Baltimore Gas	30.0625	-0.0625
Banc One Corp	46.4375	-0.8125
Bandag	32.375	-1.5
BankAmerica	83.3125	-1.3125
Bank of Boston	46.6875	-0.9375
Bank of New Yk	60.375	-1.1875
Bankers Trst NY	101.375	-3.5625
Barnes & Noble	37.75	-0.6875
Battle Mount Gd	4.625	+0.1875
Bausch & Lomb	47.875	-1.6875
Baxter Intl	57.4375	-0.4375
Bay Network	32.25	-0.0625
Becton Dickinson	83.875	+0.625
Bed Bath & Bynd	21.8125	+0.125
Bell Atlantic	41.1875	-0.9375
Bell Industries	10.625	-0.125
BellSouth	65.625	+0.625
HA Belo Corp	20.875	-0.125
Beneficial Corp	-	-
Bethlehem Steel	9.9375	+0
Beverly Entps	9.1875	-0.625
Biomet	28.75	-1.4375
Black & Decker	53.4375	-0.4375
Boeing	39.125	-0.125
Boise Cascade	28.25	-0.375
Bowater Inc	43.25	-0.1875
Briggs & Strtn	38.125	-0.3125
Brstl Myrs Sqb	108.438	+0.3125
Brit Airws ADR	91.4375	-4.8125
Brit Steel ADR	20.0625	-0.25
Brit Telecom	132.875	-1.3125
Brown Group	16.5	-0.375
Brown & Sharpe	11.0625	-0.125
Browning Ferris	33.375	-0.375
Brunswick	18	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	96	-0.625
Burlington Res.	33.6875	-1.125
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CBS Inc	31.3125	-0.75
CKS Group	19.5	+0.875
CMS Energy Corp	42.3125	+0.0625
CSX Corporation	42.125	+0.3125
Cabot Corp	26.75	+0.1875
Campbell Soup	50.8125	+0.5
Canadian Pac	22.8125	-0.125
Capital Cts ABC	107.5	-1.4375
Capstead	4.375	+0
Carematrix Corp	23	-0.3125
Carnival Corp	34.875	-1
Carolina Pwr Lt	38.9375	-0.5
Carpenter Tech	41.375	-1.4375
Caterpillar	47.3125	-0.1875
Centex Corp	42.625	+0.5
Central & SW	25.875	+0.5
Ceridian	54	-1.625
Champion Intl	39.25	+0.1875
Chrng Shoppes	4.5625	+0
Chase Manhattan	68.5	-0.6875
Chevron Corp	75.6875	-1.6875
Chiquita Brands	12.3125	+0
Cholestec	7	-0.625
Chrysler	58.6875	-0.0625
Chubb Corp	71	-1.0625
Cisco	99.1875	+2.3125
Citicorp	151.5	+0
Clevld Cliffs	47.25	-1.5625
Clorox	104.813	+2.125
Coastal Corp	29.6875	+0.5
Coca Cola	80.1875	-0.25
Coca Cola Ent	29.5625	+0.625
Colgate Palmolv	87.6875	-0.5
Comcast Corp A	44.75	+0.5
Compaq	34.5625	+0.125
Compute Ass Intl	37.8125	-0.6875
Computer Sci	58.6875	-1.6875
Conagra	23.6875	+0.1875
Cons Edison	43.375	-0.0625
Cons Freightwys	41.5625	+1.0625
Cons Nat Gas	50.25	-0.75
Cooper Inds	46.625	+0.6875
Coors (Adolph)	37.4375	+0.5625
Corning Inc	29	+0.125
Crane	47.6875	+0.0625
Crompton Knowles	21.0625	-0.25
Crown Cork Seal	39.25	+0.3125
Cummins Engine	51.3125	-0.8125
Curtiss-Wright	46.875	+0.5
Cypress Semicon	8.1875	-0.1875
Cyprus Mineral	12	-0.3125
Cytec Indust	31.6875	+0.5625
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DQE	35.125	-0.25
Dallas Semi	33.625	+0
Dana Corp	51.6875	-0.25
Data General	12.125	-0.25
Dayton Hudson	47.8125	-0.375
De Beers	16.1875	-0.1875
Deere	42.625	+0.5
Dell Computers	110.25	+3
Delta Air Lines	118	+1.1875
Deluxe Corp	34.3125	-0.125
Detroit Edison	40.0625	+0
Dial Corp Del	22.25	-0.75
Diebold Inc	25.9375	-0.875
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	34.5625	+0.9375
Disney (Walt)	32.875	-0.5
Dominion Res	40.4375	-0.0625
Donelley (RR)	40.9375	-0.3125
Dover Corp	27.1875	-0.9375
Dow Chemicals	81.0625	-0.9375
Dow Jones	53.75	-0.25
Dresser	31	-1.875
DSC Comm	30.75	-0.75
Duke Power	58.1875	+0.0625
Dun & Bradst	25.125	-0.875
Du Pont	61.625	-1.375
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E G & G Corp	27.8125	-0.3125
Eastern Ents	40.0625	-0.875
Eastman Kodak	83.875	+0.3125
Eaton Corp	66.5	+0.0625
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	14.125	+0.5625
Emerson Elec	61.8125	+1.375
Engelhard Corp	20.8125	+0.3125
Enron Corp	49.25	-0.5
Entergy Corp	26.3125	-0.5
Enzo Biochem	10.3125	-0.0625
Equifax Inc	42.375	+1.1875
Ericsson	25.25	-0.6875
Ethyl Corp	5.125	-0.1875
Exide Corp	15.75	+0.5
Exxon	67.75	+0.8125
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FMC Corp	61.25	-1.6875
FPL Group	60.625	-0.3125
Fedders Corp	6.625	-0.0625
Federal Exprss	55.5	-3
Federal Mogul	57.4375	-0.5
Fed Nat Mtge	58.0625	-1.5
First Chicago	75.25	-1.5
First Union	56	-0.375
Fruit of the Loom	27.5	-0.1875
Fst Union Rlty	7.5	-0.0625
Fleet Finl Grp	79.1875	-2
Fleetwd Enterp	34.125	-0.9375
Fleming Cos Ok	14.6875	-0.25
Florida Prog	39.5625	-0.1875
Fluor Corp	41.9375	+0.625
Food Lion Inc	10.75	+0.0625
Ford Motor	52	-0.125
Fortune Brands	34	+0.375
Foster Wheeler	14.3125	-0.1875
Furniture Brands	29.8125	+0.75
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Galoob Toys	9.5625	+0.0625
Gateway 2000	54.875	-1.8125
GATX Corp	35	-2.25
GTE Corp	49.75	-0.8125
Gannett	63.3125	-0.125
Gap Inc Del	62.9375	+0.375
Gencorp	21.625	-0.4375
Gen Am Invest	30.9375	+0.1875
Gen Dynamics	48.0625	+0.9375
Gen Electric	87.8125	-0.3125
Gen Mills	61.3125	-0.8125
Gen Motors	71.0625	+0
Gen Motors H	45.625	+0.125
Gen Public Util	36.125	-0.375
Gen Reinsurnce	237.563	-2.4375
Gen Signal	39.125	+0.25
Gen DataComm	3.9375	+0
Genuine Parts	33.6875	-0.25
Georgia Pac	52.25	+1.5
Germany Fund	18.4375	+0
Gillette	48.8125	-1.875
Glaxo ADR	58.0625	+0.0625
Golden W Finl	85.125	-2.8125
Goodrich (BF)	36.1875	-1.5
Goodyear Tire	55.125	-0.5625
Grace (W&R)	16.4375	-0.1875
Grainger (WW)	42.75	+0.3125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28.8125	+0.25
Grt Central Mine	2.625	-0.25
Gulf Canada Res	3	-0.3125
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Halliburton	31.25	-2.25
Hanna (MA)	14.9375	+0.1875
Harcourt	54.9375	-0.5
Harley Davidson	39.375	-0.1875
Harnischfeger	23.25	+0
Harrah's Ent	20.25	+0.125
Harris Corp	38.1875	-0.0625
Harsco Corp	40.25	-0.75
Hartmarx	7.625	-0.3125
Hasbro	35.3125	-1.5625
HBO & Co	27.25	-0.5
Health Care Ppt	33.875	-0.125
Hecla Mining	4.75	-0.125
Heinz (HJ)	50.4375	-0.8125
Helix Technol	13	+0
Hmrch & Payne	18.6875	-1.375
Hercules	32.125	-0.75
Hershey Foods	62.125	+0
Hewlett Packard	51.25	-0.25
Hilton Hotels	25.8125	+0.5
Hirsch Int	5	-0.0625
Hollinger	14.75	+0.3125
Home Depot	43.0625	-0.9375
Homestake	11	-0.0625
Honeywell	82.6875	-0.3125
Hormel (Geo)	29.875	-0.5
Household Intl	44.625	-0.875
Houston Inds	27.9375	+0.125

	LAST	CHANGE*
Humana	17.9375	-0.375
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IBM	129.875	+0.75
Ilinova Corp	24.75	+0.25
Illinois Tool	53.8125	-0.625
INCO	10.5625	-0.125
Ind Comm Bank	14.375	-0.25
Ingersoll Rand	46.25	-0.375
Inland Steel	27.5	-0.6875
Intel Corp.	86.625	-0.0625
Intergraph	7	-0.0625
Interlake	3.6875	-0.1875
Intl Flav & Fr	41.3125	-0.0625
Intl Multifoods	22	-0.625
Intl Paper	44	+0.75
Interpublic	56.9375	+0
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Jefferson Pit	58.625	+1.6875
Johnson & J	74.375	-1.5625
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K Mart	18.625	+1.125
Kaiser Alum	8.5625	+0.0625
Kellogg	31	-0.0625
KLA Instruments	30.375	-1.9375
Kennametal	31.8125	-1.125
Kerr-McGee	46.0625	-1.625
KeyCorp	32.125	-0.875
Kimberly-Clark	42	-0.1875
King World Prod	25.6875	-0.5625
Knight Ridder	50	+0.3125
Kroger	49.1875	+1.125
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LSI Logic	19.5	-0.6875
Legget & Platt	25.125	+0
Loucadia Natl	32.125	-0.375
Lilly (Eli)	67.875	-0.3125
Limited Inc.	26.9375	+0.1875
Linear Technol	64	-1.5
Lincoln Nat	92.875	+0
Litton	51.3125	-0.875
Liz Claiborne	35	-0.5625
Lockheed Corp	96.375	+1.125
Loews Corp	82.5	-0.5625
Lone Star	72.8125	-0.9375
Longs Drug Strs	27.75	-0.5625
Loral Corp	25.25	-0.125
Lousiana Pacif	20.5	+0
Lowe's Co Inc	38.5625	-0.5
Lucent Tech	89.9375	-1.5
Lubrizol	27.375	-0.5625
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Madge	3.75	-0.0625
MCI Commun	63.125	-0.375
Mallinckrodt	26.25	+0.4375
Manor Care	33.75	-1.625
Mapco Inc	-	-
MarketSpan Corp	27.625	-0.375
Marriott	33	+1
Mrsh & McLn	60.9375	+0.25
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	28.5	-0.375
Massmutual Corp	23.625	-0.1875
Mattel Inc	40.4375	+0.3125
May Dept St	63.8125	-0.6875
Maytag Corp	42.875	-0.125
McDermott	23.625	-1.75
McDonalds	63.125	+2
McGraw Hill	79.75	+0.5
McKesson Corp	79.875	-0.25
Mead Corp	29.625	+0.0625
Medtronic	54.5	-0.9375
Mellon Bk	62.875	-1.3125
Mentor Graphics	9.5	-0.5625
Mercantile Strs	79.875	+0.1875
Merck Inc	126.125	+2.25
Meredith Corp	41.25	-0.875
Merrill Lynch	87.625	-2.5625
Micron Technol	33.125	-1.125
Microsoft Corp	104.438	-1.4375
Millipore	25	-0.375
Mine Safety App	76	+3
Minnesota Mine	76.4375	-1.8125
Mitchell Energy	15.3125	-0.625
Mobil Corp	64.125	-0.75
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	25.4375	-0.375
Monarch Macht	8.625	+0
Monsanto	55.6875	+0.0625
Morgan (JP)	120.188	-3.3125
Morton Intl	25	+0.125
Motorola Inc	53.5625	-0.375
Murphy Oil	42.25	-1.25
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Nacco Inds	110.5	-3.875
Nalco Chemical	32.9375	-0.6875
Nashua Corp	15.875	+0
NationsBank	74	-1.5
Natl City Corp	63.5	-0.5
Natl Semi	14.0625	-0.3125
Natl Serv Ind	48.9375	-1.6875
NatWest Bank	113	-2
Newster Int	27.125	-0.375
Netscape	31.1875	+8.125
New England El	39.75	-0.4375
News Corp	27.375	-0.5625
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	31.25	-0.625
Newmont Mining	17.9375	-0.375
Niag Mohawk	16	+0.1875
Nicor Inc	38.125	-0.1875
Nike Inc	42.9375	-0.25
NL Industries	24.0625	+1.625
Noble Affil	29.125	-1.125
Nokia	82.4375	+0.25
Nordstrom	32.0625	+1.1875
Norfolk Southrn	27.625	-0.875
Northeast Util	15.3125	-0.125
Northern Telecom	54.1875	-0.5
Novell	10.875	+0.0625
Nthn State Pwr	26.3125	-0.0625
Northrop	73.6875	-3
Norwest Corp	33.5	-0.6875
NSI	0.84375	+0.09375
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Occidental Pet	21.75	-0.6875
Ogden Corp	25.4375	-1
OEA	12.3125	-0.125
Ohio Casualty	41.3125	-0.3125
Olin Corp	33.75	+0.0625
Omnicom Group	53.4375	+0.1875
Oneok Inc	33.1875	-0.625
Oracle Systems	24.625	-0.5
Oryx Energy Co	16.875	-0.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	40	+1.125
Overseas Ship	16.75	-0.125
Owens Corning	41.25	-0.0625
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PNC Financial	48.4375	-0.9375
PPG Industries	60.8125	-0.9375
Paccar Inc	47.125	-1.375
Pacificorp	20.875	-0.5625
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	30.875	+0.1875
Pall Corp	20.9375	-0.375
Parker Drilling	5.5	-0.1875
Parker Hannifin	32.4375	-0.875
Paylese Shoe	56	+0.0625
Penney(JC)	57.5	+0.25
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	23.6875	+0.1875
Pennzoil	40.3125	-0.625
People's Energy	35.0625	-0.6875
Pepsico	35.8125	-1.6875
Perkin Elmer	62.5625	+1.0625
Pfizer	103.875	+0.375
Pharmacia & Upj	44.875	-1.1875
Phelps Dodge	54.3125	-1.375
Philadel Elec	29.875	-0.125
Phillip Morris	42.8125	-0.1875
Phillips Elec	79.9375	-2.375
Phillips Pet	41.25	-1.375
Phycor Inc	8.5	-0.1875
Pioneer Hi Bred	32.0625	+0.9375
Pitney Bowes	53.5	+0.3125
Policy Mgt Sys	46.375	+0.4375
Polycom	15.875	-0.125
Potash Corp	71.6875	+0.125
Potomac El Pwr	23.625	-0.25
Procter & Gamble	79.8125	+1
Promus Hotel Cor	32.0625	+0.0625
Pub Svc Enterpr	34.125	+0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	24.8125	-0.1875
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Quaker Oats	55	-0.1875
Qualcom	58.9375	+0.1875
Quanex Corp	26.375	-1.0625
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RJR Nabisco	23.125	+0
Ralston Purina	28.875	-0.6875
Rank Orgnsn ADR	10.75	+0
Raychem Corp	31.125	-0.5
Raytheon A	52	-1.9375
Raytheon B	53.0625	-1.9375
Reebok Intl	19.5625	-0.5625
Republic NY	55.4375	-1.5625
Reynolds Reyn A	16.25	-0.3125
Reynolds Metals	52.375	+0.3125
Rite Aid Corp	41.9375	+0.1875
Rockwell Intl	39.625	-0.375
Rohm & Haas	97.1875	-0.875
Rouse	29.375	-0.125
Rowan	13.5625	-0.625
Royal Dutch	47.25	-1.5
Rubbermaid	30.5625	+1.1875
Ruddick	16.8125	-0.3125
Russell Corp	32	-0.6875
Ryder System	27	-0.125
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SPS Technology	51.625	+0.75
Safeco Corp	45.125	-1.1875
Safety-Kleen	3.875	-0.0625
St Paul's Cos	36.25	-0.125
San Diego Gas	-	-
Sara Lee Corp	50.5	+1.5
Schering Plough	94.5625	+1.5625
Schlumberger	56.125	-2.1875
Scientf Atlanta	24.5	-0.5625
Scripps	51.125	-0.25
Seagate Tech	23.875	-1.0625
Seagram	33.25	-0.6875
Sears Roebuck	46.8125	+0.0625
Sensormatic Elec	10.375	-0.1875
Sequent Computer	10.875	-0.3125
Service Corp I	35.5625	+0.25
Service Master	33	+0
Shell Trans	35.9375	-1.25
Sherwin Willms	30.25	+0.1875
Shoney's Inc	3.25	-0.0625
Sigma Aldrich	27.5	-0.125
Silicon Graphics	10.5625	-0.3125
Skyline Corp	32.0625	-0.4375
Smith Intl	24.5625	-1.5625
SmKline Bchm A	54.375	+0.8125
Snap-On-Tools	33.3125	-0.625
Sonat	28.1875	-0.3125
Sonocco Prods	28.8125	-0.125
Sony Corp ADR	81.25	+0
Southdown	59.8125	-2.3125
Southern Co	26.375	+0.3125
Sth N. Eng Tel	67.1875	-0.0625
Southw Airlines	31.0625	+0.1875
SBC Sthwstn Bell	38.75	-0.3125
Spring Inds	37.125	-0.375
Sprint Corp	68.125	-0.5625
Standard Prods	27.75	+0.0625
Stanley Works	42.75	-1.625
Stone Container	13.125	-0.125
Storage Technol	37.5625	+0.0625
Stratus Comp	34.875	-0.25
Sun America	2.125	-0.125
Sunbeam Corp	5.875	-0.875
Sun Company	37.5625	+1.25
Sundstrand	48.6875	-2.3125
Sun Microsystms	49.5	+1.25
Sunshine Mining	0.8125	+0
Suntrust	67.875	-0.5
Supervalu	47.1875	-0.75
Symantec	23.625	-1.5625
Sysco Corp	22.5875	-0.4375
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TJX Cos Inc	23.9375	-0.0625
TRW Inc	52	-0.875
Tab Products	10.875	-0.375
Tandy Corp	56.125	-0.6875

	LAST	CHANGE*
Telecom Corp	38.875	-0.5
Telefonas de Mex	43.375	-1.25
Telef De Espana	144.563	-1.4375
Temple Inland	52.125	+0.875
Tenneco	34.875	-0.3125
Tenet Health	26.5	-1.25
Teradyne	23.375	-1.0625
Tesoro Pet	16.5	-0.125
Texaco	56.25	-0.875
Texas Instrmnts	61	-2.1875
Texas Utilities	39.9375	-0.0625
Textron	71.0625	-0.1875
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	41.75	-1.125
ThreeCom	28.0625	+0.375
Time Warner	90.75	+1.625
Times-Mirror	61.875	-0.5
Timken	22.8125	-0.5
Torchmark	40.375	-0.375
Tosco Corp	25.1875	+0.125
Toys R Us	21.8125	+0.1875
Transamerica	118.938	+4.0625
Transco Energy	60.9375	-0.8125
Travellers Grp	61.5625	+0.375
Tribune	66.9375	+0
Triton Energy	17.25	-1.125
TWA	7.8125	-0.0625
Tyco Intl Ltd	60.25	-0.8125
Tyler	9.3125	-0.4375
UAL Corp	72.75	-0.75
USG Corp	49.25	-1.3125
UST Inc	26.5625	-0.375
USX Marathon	31.9375	+0.3125
USX-US Steel	25.8375	-0.625
Ultramar Diam	26.625	-0.375
Unicom Corp	34.125	+0.0625
Unilever PLC	38.5	+0.9375
Unilever NV	68.625	+1.6875
Union Camp	42.25	-0.0625
Union Carbide	47.1875	-0.625
Union Pacific	40.3125	-1.625
Unisys Corp	25.375	-0.125
USAIR Group	71	-0.5
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	37.0625	+0.125
US Surgical	45.0313	-0.21875
US Trust	76.6875	-1.1875
US West	49.9375	-0.75
United Tech	90.625	+0.3125
Unocal Corp	31.375	-0.75
VF Corp	45.4375	+0.0625
VMRX Pharmaceutic	0.9375	-0.03125
Valero Energy	22.6875	+0.1875
Varian Assoc	36.375	-0.875
Viacom Inc	62.5	-0.1875
Vishay	14.125	-0.875
Vulcan Materials	121.438	-0.375
Wachovia	82	-0.5
Walgreen	45.125	+0.25
Wal-Mart Stores	63.125	+0.25
Warner-Lambert	73.625	+2
Wash Gas Light	24.25	-0.625
Washington Mutu	37.4375	-0.125
Washington Post	530.5	-7.875
Waste Mgmnt Inc	54.9375	+0.875
Watkins-Johnson	23.8125	-0.3125
Weis Markets	35	+0
Wells Fargo	333.313	-2.625
Wendy's Intl	21.75	+0.4375
Westvaco	24.625	-0.4375
Weyerhaeuser	41.0625	-0.1875
Whirlpool	60.1875	+2.4375
Whitman	20.3125	-0.625
Williams Co	29.8125	-0.1875
Winn Dixie Stos	38.625	-0.125
Woolworth	13.1875	-1
World Comm	52.0625	-0.125
Worthington Ind	14	-0.375
Wrigley	87.5	+0.625
Xerox	102	-0.75
Yahoo	94	+2.375
Yellow Freight	15.4375	-0.3125
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

Allied Domecq	573.5	-13
BAT Inds	638	-23.5
BT	819	-23
BTR	160	-3
Barclays	1667	+12
Bass	995	-15
Boots	1001	-27
British Airways	557	-32
Comm Union plc	1124	-52
Diageo	692	-20
General Electric	476	-11.5
Glaxo	1775	-42
Halifax	708	-27.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1349	-48
ICI	721	-18
Land Securities	843.5	+16.5
Lloyds Bank	763	-28
Marks & Spencer	496.5	-6.5
NatWest Bank	1152	-24
Prudential	807	-22
Reuters	574	-16
Sainsbury	512	+1.5
Shell Transport	367	-8.75
Tyco Intl	3800	-50
Unilever	583	-1.5
Zeneca	2242	-24

PARIS

Accor	1542	-59
Air Liquide	882	-22
Alcatel Alsthom	1156	-60
Euro Disney	10.5	-0.3
Moulinex	131.5	+0.3
Paribas	603	-7
Pernod Ricard	405	+0
Peugeot	1120	-45
Saint Gobain	1001	-19

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	75.2	-0.95
Daimler-Benz	179	-1
Lufthansa	48.2	+1.3
Mannesmann	175.5	-5.8
Metallgesellschaft	38.3	-0.7
Volkswagen	153.5	-7.1

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 10-AUG-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.9261	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.685	0
British Pound (1)	6.0075	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0694	0
French Franc (1)	0.6172	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.516	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4632	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4177	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0173	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.2143	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8574.85	-23.17
DJ Transport	3083.13	-17.64
DJ Utils	276.67	-0.39
DJ Comp	2693.46	-8.82
NYSE Industr	672.43	-3.43
NYSE Transport	451.91	-7.17
NYSE Comp	545.72	-3.78
S&P 100	532.45	-2.83
S&P Spot Index	1083.14	-6.31

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5587.6	-94.8
Tokyo Nikkei	15626.4	-202.7
Singapore all-share index	299.41	0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	7034.8	+16.2
Paris CAC 40	3839.45	-102.43
DAX	5581.22	+83.58
Madrid	892.4	+8.54
Sydney	2597.4	-1.6
Milan	1486.52	+10.45

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.635	+0.0085
Sep.future (CME)	1.6324	+0.0056
D-mark: spot	1.7765	-0.0038
Sep.future (CME)	0.5643	+0.0012
S-franc: spot	1.4965	+0
Sep.future (CME)	0.6713	+0.0002
Yen: spot	146.28	-0.05
Sep.future (CME)	0.006875	+2e-006
CanDlr: spot	1.5177	-0.0044
Sep.future (CME)	0.6597	+0.0008
AusDlr: spot	0.6007	+0.0009
Sep.future (CME)	0.5998	-0.0013
F-franc: spot	5.9585	-0.0107
It Lira: spot	1752.5	-4
Nlg: spot	2.0031	-0.0052
AutShlg: spot	12.5303	+0.0746
Rand: spot	6.285	+0
ECU: spot	1.1093	+0.0023

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1567	+8
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	134.2	-1
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	256	+4.5
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	538.5	+5.75
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	9.06	+0.12
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	106.95	0
Crude Oil (Sep)(NYMEX)	13.05	-0.75
Bonds Sep.future	123.875	+0.03125
S and P Sep.future	1089	-5.7

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1077	+9
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1678	+11
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	1191	-68

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.33	+0.05

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	291.3	+0.8
Silver (Sep)	5.31	+0.037
Platinum (Oct)	381.5	-0.8
Palladium (Sep)	294.5	+3
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.7315	-0.0135

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	288.2	+0
Gold PM fix	285.6	-0.1
Silver fix	288.2	-254.8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 10-AUG-98)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (10.8.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	3.8943	3.9578	—	—	3.9261
U.S. dollar	3.6555	3.7145	3.59	3.77	3.6850
German mark	2.0519	2.0850	2.01	2.18	2.0694
Pound sterling	5.9614	6.0576	5.85	6.15	6.0075
French franc	0.6120	0.6219	0.60	0.64	0.6172
Japanese yen (100)	2.4958	2.5361	2.45	2.58	2.5162
Dutch florin	1.8193	1.8487	1.78	1.88	1.8349
Swiss franc	2.4427	2.4821	2.40	2.58	2.4632
Swedish krona	0.4530	0.4604	0.44	0.47	0.4553
Norwegian krone	0.4808	0.4886	0.47	0.50	0.4845
Danish krone	0.5387	0.5474	0.52	0.56	0.5433
Finnish mark	0.6749	0.6858	0.66	0.70	0.6808
Canadian dollar	2.3967	2.4354	2.35	2.47	2.4177
Australian dollar	2.1842	2.2195	2.14	2.26	2.2034
S. African rand	0.5868	0.5963	0.53	0.60	0.5905
Belgian franc (10)	0.9956	1.0117	0.97	1.03	1.0035
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9180	2.9651	2.88	3.01	2.9411
Italian lira (1000)	2.0799	2.1135	2.04	2.15	2.0973
Jordanian dinar	5.1413	5.2243	5.05	5.42	5.2143
Egyptian pound	1.0300	1.1200	1.03	1.12	1.1055
ECU	4.0450	4.1103	—	—	4.0795
Irish punt	5.1585	5.2397	5.06	5.32	5.1995
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4135	2.4578	2.37	2.60	2.4383

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Insurers continue to gain on interest rate cut

Tel Aviv

Stocks were mixed yesterday. Insurers gained on expectations their bond assets will be worth more after the central bank cut a key interest rate and United Mizrahi Bank fell on concern a real estate slump tempered demand for mortgages and reduced second-quarter profit.

Clal Insurance Enterprise Holdings, Israel's second-largest insurer, rose 3.27 percent to NIS 41.10, pushing the Maof Index of 25 largest companies up 0.17% to 344.09.

Analysts said the central bank's decision to cut its lending rate by 1.5 percentage points to 9.5% late Thursday boosted the value of fixed-income securities. Insurers hold more than three-quarters of their investments in bonds.

"It's a logical move when yields are falling" for investors to increase their demand for insurance stocks, said Micha Goldberg, an analyst at Zannex Securities Ltd.

Yields on the State of Israel's 6.375% bond maturing December 2005 fell 4 basis points to 6.30% since Thursday's rate cut announcement.

Leumi Insurance Holdings, one of the nation's largest insurers, rose 2.17% to NIS 2.35.

United Mizrahi Bank, the fourth-largest bank, fell 2.16% to NIS 9.97. The bank is expected to post its second-quarter profit before the end of August.

"Mortgage banks haven't done well in the second quarter" and UMB earns about half of its income from its unit Tefahot Israel Mortgage Bank, Goldberg said.

Israel Discount Bank, the country's third-largest bank, fell 2.26% to NIS 4.76. The government, which owns 60% of the bank, is expected to announce results of a month-long tender for a controlling stake in the commercial bank.

Goldberg said he expects both banks to benefit eventually from last week's rate cut as it will encourage increased borrowing and reduce the amount of bad debt. The central bank reduced its lending rate by a total of 3.9 percentage points this year so far.

Europe

UK stocks fell, with the benchmark index reaching a six-month low, on concern Asia's spreading recession and the slowing domestic economy will prompt companies to post earnings below expectations. British Airways Plc. exemplified the trend, dropping 5.8 percent after it reported profit that fell short of forecasts.

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index fell 92.8 points to 5587.6, led by banks. BA, Europe's largest airline fell 34 pence to 557 and HSBC Holdings Plc., the UK's largest bank, which relies on Asia for 45% of its income, dropped 45p to 1,349.

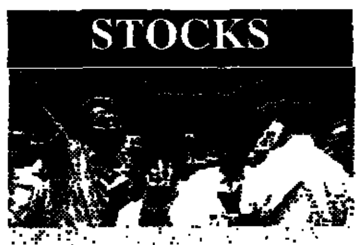
"There's clearly going to be further deterioration of people's profit expectations and further profit warnings against the background [of] a slowing economy," said Richard Buxton, the director of the institutional and mutual fund group at Baring Asset Management, which has almost £24 billion under management.

BA is the latest in a slew of companies posting earnings below expectations during the past few weeks. Most blamed the slowdown in Asia and the slowing domestic economy. The FTSE 100 has dropped almost 10% in the last three weeks.

"The stock market has been very swift and savage in the last few weeks," said Buxton.

BA said operating profit rose to £173m. in the first quarter, below expectations, up from £140m. in the same period a year ago. First-quarter earnings per share fell to 12.6p from 16.3p last year. Analysts expected operating profit between £175m. and £197m., according to a Bloomberg News survey. A decline in consumer spending in the UK and recession in Asia cut into profit.

STOCKS



Maof 344.09 ▲ 0.17%
Dow Jones 8575 ▼ 0.2%
FTSE 5587.6 ▼ 0.46%
Nikkei 15626.42 ▼ 1.28%

Asia

Japan's benchmark stock index fell to a six-week low, led by banks such as Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., on concern the new administration will be unable to fix the financial system.

Parliamentary debate began yesterday on six bills designed by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to help banks rid themselves of 77 trillion yen ($526 billion) in non-performing loans and to shutter insolvent financial institutions. Opposition parties may stall the measures many consider inadequate anyway.

"The market is not sure which is worse: the passage of flawed legislation or another long delay while the bills are reworked," said Fiachra Mac Cana, director of research at WestLB Securities Pacific Ltd. "Either way it means the endgame is further away than we thought, and banks are down on it."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index fell 202.75 points, or 1.28 percent, to 15,626.42, its lowest since June 29 and its sixth straight drop. The Nikkei has fallen during the last six sessions – every trading day since Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi announced his new cabinet after the market closed July 31.

The broader Topix index of all issues on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 18.21 points, or 1.49%, to 1207.09.

The Topix banking index was the biggest loser among the industry indexes, plunging 3.6%.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) – US stocks pulled back slightly yesterday, halting a modest three-session recovery from the steep downturn of recent weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 23.17 points - or 0.2% - lower at 8,574.85 despite overcoming an early 54-point drop and gaining as much as 37 points during the afternoon.

The Dow, which had gained 110 points in the prior three sessions after tumbling 299 points in last Tuesday's selloff, now sits more than 750 points from the record of 9,337.97 set on July 17.

The market opened weak after a sixth straight losing session in Japan, where stocks fell 1.3%.

J.P. Morgan sank sharply as the Dow's weakest component. McDonald's helped offset that loss after the fast-food company issued an encouraging forecast for the next five years. Merck also posted a sizable gain to cushion the Dow.

The Standard and Poor's 500 fell 6.31 to 1,083.14, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 7.56 to 1,839.21.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,000 up, 2,017 down and 528 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 572.63 million shares as of 4 p.m., down sharply from last week's hectic pace. The NYSE composite index fell 3.78 to 545.72, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 4.27 to 679.80.

Yen declines amid prospect for slow Japanese growth

The dollar rose for a third day against the yen, approaching an eight-year high, on expectations the Japanese government won't move quickly to clean up the nation's banking mess.

"Japan is going to have to do more in terms of shutting down insolvent banks," said David Becker, senior trader at Bank Austria. "Yen weakness is going to pervade the market for some time."

The dollar rose as high as 146.70 yen, its strongest since it reached 146.78 June 16, and up from 146.22 late Friday. It was little changed against the mark, at 1.7794 from 1.7803 Friday.

Japan's benchmark stock index slid to a six-week low, led by banks, on concern the new administration of Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi won't be able to fix the financial system. The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index fell 1.28 percent.

Parliamentary debate began yesterday on six bills designed by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to help banks rid themselves of an estimated 77 trillion yen ($526 billion) in bad and risky loans. Other reports have pegged the bad loans at as much as $1 trillion.

The centerpiece bill would establish "bridge banks" to assume healthy loans from banks that are deemed insolvent.

The yen was also dragged down by news that Mita Industrial Co., a maker of photocopiers, fax machines and laser printers, said it has filed for protection under Japan's bankruptcy law with around 200 billion yen in debt.

Mita Industrial said the volatility of the yen-dollar exchange rate over the past seven years played a major role in its slide toward bankruptcy. It responded to the strong yen by shifting production overseas, only to suffer as the yen reversed course and began weakening against the dollar.

"The failure of a relatively large-scale company like Mita showed how bad our economic situation is," said Hiroshi Sakuma, a foreign exchange manager at Barclays Bank Plc. "I think the dollar will rise to 150 yen by the end of the month."

Traders and analysts said the yen's decline is being tempered by concern the Japanese authorities may sell dollars for yen to prop up the currency. Japanese vice finance minister Koji Tanami repeated today the government will take "appropriate" action in the foreign exchange markets when it deems necessary.

The Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan jointly sold dollars for yen June 17, the day after the dollar reached an eight-year high against the Japanese currency. The joint sales helped shave 13 yen off the dollar's value in three days, though it has since regained those losses.

US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told German chancellor candidate Gerhard Schroeder last week Japan's economic fall will continue because there are no signs of a serious attempt to rid the country's banking system of its delinquent loans and prevent its collapse, the German-language weekly magazine *Focus* reported, quoting a German government memo.

Greenspan's comments are "a continuation of the pressure by US officials on Japan to stimulate the economy," said Jane Foley, a currency strategist at Barclays Capital, who expects the yen will decline to 147 per dollar in the coming days.

(Bloomberg)

CURRENCIES

Dollar 3.6850 ▼ 0.83%
Basket 3.9261 ▼ 1.01%
Mark 2.0694 ▼ 1.40%
Sterling 6.0075 ▼ 0.95%

Coffee slips as Asian sales rise

Oil

Crude oil futures rose as much as 10 cents to $12.69 a barrel yesterday, and were up 6 cents at $12.65 a barrel, as traders watched to see whether tensions with Iraq over weapons inspections will escalate. The latest crisis has been sparked by Iraq's refusal to cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors, who are trying to rid the country of banned weapons. The UN yesterday said it has suspended weapons inspections, and US officials Sunday said they are prepared to use military force.

Other

Coffee for November delivery fell as much as $8 to $1,627 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange amid ample supplies of bitter-flavored robusta beans grown in Asia and Africa. Indonesian coffee growers have boosted sales in recent weeks to take advantage of prices that reached their highest in seven weeks in London last week.

Vietnamese producers are also expected to boost sales after the government devalued the currency by 7 percent, making Vietnamese coffee cheaper overseas. The ample supplies more than offset concern over delays to Brazilian exports caused by a strike at the country's biggest port, Santos.

Copper for delivery in three months fell as much as $19.00 to $1,633.50 a ton on the London Metal Exchange as the dollar rose to its highest in seven weeks against the Japanese yen. A stronger dollar discourages buying in Japan, the world's second-largest copper consumer behind the US, because it makes the metal more expensive there. The dollar rose to 146.64 yen on concern the Japanese government won't pass the measures needed to pull the country from a deepening economic slump.

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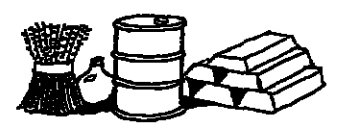

Gold $285.85 ▼ 0.8%
Crude Oil $12.65 ▲ 0.06%
CRB 206.83 ▼ 0.16%

US bonds rise for 2nd day as dollar gains

US bonds rose for the second day, pushing yields to one-month lows, amid speculation a rising dollar, financial turmoil in Asia, and shakiness in the US stock market will bolster demand for Treasury securities.

"We are fairly bullish," said James Cusser, who helps manage $20 billion in assets at Waddell & Reed in Overland Park, Kansas.

Asia's slowdown is pushing investors into dollar-denominated assets and 30-year bond yields are likely to fall below 5.5 percent by the end of the year, he said.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 7/32, or $2.19 per $1,000 bond, nudging its yield down 1 basis point to 5.62%, the lowest since July 10. The yield on the two-year note was little changed at 5.32%.

The dollar neared an eight-year high against the yen amid speculation Japan's government won't soon pass the measures necessary to pull the country out of recession. The currency rose as high as 146.70 yen, from 146.22 yen late Friday.

A stronger dollar increases the appeal of US debt because the bonds' interest and principal payments are worth more when converted into other currencies.

Thirty-year bond yields on July 7 fell to the lowest since the government began regular sales of the securities in 1977, as international investors sought refuge in US assets. That's likely to keep up as Japan's financial problems add to economic troubles throughout Asia.

"There is so much defensive trading going," Scott Graham, co-head of government bond trading at Prudential Securities. "The dollar and dollar-assets are going to continue to do well."

Also boosting bonds is a turbulent stock market, traders said. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 3.4% last Tuesday — the biggest one-day drop since October — as investors fretted corporate earnings won't match the stellar performance of recent years.

"The US equity market continues to be at risk," adding to the allure of bonds, said Patrick Dimick, a government bond analyst at Warburg Dillon Read Inc., a subsidiary of UBS AG.

To be sure, bonds' gains may be capped this week by the $37 billion in new securities to be sold in the Treasury's quarterly debt auction. The Treasury will sell $16 billion of five-year notes tomorrow, followed by $11 billion of 10-year notes on Wednesday and $10 billion of 30-year bonds on Thursday.

"Overall, the picture is still bullish, but you have to trade a little cautiously right now" because of the supply, said William Gamba, vice president of taxable fixed-income investments at SG Cowen.

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BONDS

US 30 -yearT-bill yield
5.62 ▼ 0.01

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Tuesday, August 11
EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 670-6660; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 627-2315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 581-0108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 628-2058.
Tel Aviv: Superpharm Gimel, 1 Ahimeir, Ramat Aviv Gimel, 641-7117; Superpharm Dizengoff Center, 50 Dizengoff, 620-0975.
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Merkaz Ra'anana, 120 Ahuza, Ra'anana, 760-3798.
Netanya: Kupat Holim Clalit, 8 Raziel, 860-3520.
Haifa: Hadas, 53 Horev, 826-2673.
Krayot area: Kupat Holim Clalit Zevulun, 192 Derech Akko, Kiryat Bialik, 878-7818.
Herzliya: New Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 955-8472, 955-8407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.
Upper Nazareth: New Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 657-0468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Jerusalem: Bikur Holim (internal, obstetrics); Shaare Zedek (surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, ENT); Hadassah Ein Kerem (ophthalmology).
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Leaf, Manning, Flutie test new NFL wings

BOSTON (AP) – Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf weren't the only big-name quarterbacks to debut in new places as the NFL's exhibition season got into full swing.

Doug Flutie moved slightly south from Canada to Buffalo, Neil O'Donnell wore Bengals stripes instead of Jets green and Jim Harbaugh took the opposite route of the Colts by going from Indianapolis to Baltimore.

While Harbaugh and Leaf enjoyed success, Flutie, O'Donnell and Manning struggled with their new clubs.

Harbaugh, obtained in an offseason trade from Indianapolis, went 10-for-13 for 60 yards and scrambled twice for 28 yards in Baltimore's 19-14 victory over the Bears. He left with 6:07 left in the second quarter after moving the Ravens 80 yards in 17 plays in a drive that gave Baltimore a 9-0 lead.

"We were playing little ball," Harbaugh said. "We'll try to get the ball downfield more, but we took what they gave us." In other NFL preseason games, Minnesota beat New England 28-0 in the only game Sunday night.

On Saturday, Pittsburgh topped Buffalo 24-13, the New York Giants defeated Cincinnati 24-17, Miami downed Washington 19-16, Carolina defeated Jacksonville 30-27, Kansas City beat the Tampa Bay 17-13, Denver topped St. Louis 20-13, Green Bay beat New Orleans 30-7, Oakland defeated Dallas 16-3, Seattle defeated Indianapolis 24-21 and San Diego beat San Francisco 27-21.

Flutie played much of the second half of the Bills' loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was 6-of-12 for 44 yards as the Steelers' reserves outscored Buffalo's 14-3 after halftime.

"It's another step forward," said Flutie, who at 36 is returning to the NFL at an age when many quarterbacks are leaving. "It was fun. It was exciting."

O'Donnell, who is battling Jeff Blake for the Bengals starting job, was 6-of-15 for 49 yards. Cincinnati turned the ball over to the Giants four times – leading to all of their points.

"Sloppy," Bengals coach Bruce Coslet said. "The Giants made their run last year leading the league or being second in the turnover ratio, and they continued tonight. We talk about turnovers all the time. Now we have to start taking about giveaways."

Vikings 28, Patriots 0

Minnesota's No. 1 pick Randy Moss caught a 44-yard touchdown pass, and last year's top choice, Dwayne Rudd, scored on a 34-yard interception return as Minnesota won at New England.

After neither starting quarterback could move his team, Vikings backup Randall Cunningham threw two touchdown passes and was 9-for-16 passes for 165 yards.

Minnesota starter Brad Johnson was 6-for-12 for 40 yards. New England's Drew Bledsoe was 7-for-14 for 74 yards with an interception and three sacks as the Patriots lost for the second time in two tries.

Champions' League showdown looms

LONDON (Reuters) – A lucrative European Super League may be on the horizon in the new millennium but some of the continent's most prestigious clubs face early-season tests tomorrow which are vital to their short-term financial future.

The second qualifying round for the European Cup will decide which teams win places in this season's lucrative Champions' League. The likes of Manchester United, Inter Milan, PSV Eindhoven and Bayern Munich, who all failed to qualify for the League directly after failing to win their domestic championships, are all involved in Wednesday's first legs.

Although the losers of the round are guaranteed European football in the UEFA Cup, all the big clubs are desperate to be involved in the more lucrative Champions' League with its huge cash from sponsorship and television deals.

Many have had no time to test their form in league action before awkward games against unglamorous opponents who have nothing to lose.

"We must make it to the Champions League," said Bayern's new trainer Ottmar Hitzfeld whose team take on Yugoslavia's Obilic Belgrade at home in their first leg.

"The first real test is against Obilic and it's a tricky one because we know very little about our opponents." Bayern, who failed to qualify for the Champions' League directly after losing out to Kaiserslautern in the Bundesliga title race, warmed up for the match by crushing VfB Stuttgart 4-0 in the German League Cup on Saturday.

Hitzfeld, who enjoyed great European Cup success with his former club Borussia Dortmund, is now expected to field a team similar to the one which outclassed Stuttgart.

New signing Stefan Effenberg, best known for being sent home from the 1994 World Cup for making an obscene gesture at German fans during a match, is set to take on the playmaking duties.

The Yugoslav champions could not have had a worse build-up, having dramatically sacked their coach Dragan Okuka for refusing to play a weakened side in the first division at the weekend ahead of the Munich game. Three key players were injured.

Manchester United, who had to play second fiddle to Arsenal in the Premier League last season, also had a difficult build-up to their home clash with Poland's LKS Lodz.

The former European Cup winners lost 3-0 to their London rivals in Sunday's season-opening Charity Shield game.

"It's a tricky one," manager Alex Ferguson said. "I wouldn't say this result against Arsenal particularly affects morale.

"Maybe it won't help, but our confidence won't be damaged."

But the Scot added: "We're not 100 percent and I hope they (LKS) aren't either."

LKS, like most of Poland's clubs, did not play league games at the weekend in a boycott to try to secure the resignation of the head of the soccer federation. Events have moved ahead where certain Polish officials, who wish to remain anonymous, have let it be known that they are able to start a new breakaway league "within a week."

The club's former national team defender Tomasz Lenart and Nigerian midfielder Omodyakbe Darlington are both injured and unlikely to play.

Italy's Inter Milan will be without Ronaldo for their clash with Skonto Riga of Latvia.

The Brazilian is still on holiday following the World Cup and, with the Serie A championship not due to start until September 13, is not expected back in Italy until late August.

Argentina midfielder Javier Zanetti misses out due to a suspension carried over from last season, when he scored one of Inter's goals in their 3-0 defeat of Lazio in the UEFA Cup final in May.

French World Cup winner Youri Djorkaeff is due back in Milan in the next few days but will not be match fit.

New signings Andrea Pirlo and Nicola Ventola have both looked sharp in attack and Roberto Baggio has also played well in pre-season friendlies.

Baggio could make his official debut for Inter in tomorrow's match, which is being played in Pisa's Garibaldi Stadium rather than in Milan in order to give Inter's fans in central Italy a rare chance to see their team.

In other main matches, Eindhoven travel to Slovenia's Maribor Teatanic, and Benfica Portugal host Betar Jerusalem (11 pm Israel time kickoff).

Scottish champions Celtic have a difficult home match against Croatia Zagreb while Turkey's Galatasaray have a home game against Switzerland's Grasshoppers. France's Metz travel to HJK Helsinki.

Kiwis make five changes for S. Africa rugby union test

DURBAN (Reuters) – New Zealand's planning for the 1999 World Cup began in earnest yesterday when they made five changes and two positional switches for Saturday's Tri-Nations rugby union test against South Africa.

The All Blacks, who have lost all three matches so far in the southern hemisphere series, have opted to use their final match of the competition to prepare for next year's World Cup in Europe.

Royce Willis, the 22-year-old Waikato lock, will make his international debut in place of stalwart Ian Jones, while Carl Hoeft will pack down at loosehead prop instead of Craig Dowd.

Isitolo Maka takes possession of the number eight jersey with captain Taine Randell moving from the back of the scrum to the blindside flank in place of Michael Jones.

Openside flanker Josh Kronfeld returns from an enforced layoff for concussion to replace Mark Carter, with Eroni Clarke coming back at center after five years in the international wilderness.

The other positional change sees Mark Mayerhofler move from outside to inside center, the position previously filled by Walter Little.

South Africa beat New Zealand and Australia away in their opening two matches.

New Zealand team

15-Christian Cullen, 14-Jeff Wilson, 13-Eroni Clarke, 12-Mark Mayerhofler, 11-Jonah Lomu, 10-Andrew Mehrtens, 9-Justin Marshall, 8-Isitolo Maka, 7-Taine Randell (captain), 6-Josh Kronfeld, 5-Robin Brooke, 4-Royce Willis, 3-Olo Brown, 2-Anton Oliver, 1-Carl Hoeft.

Sir John: Magpies should join Super League

NEWCASTLE (AP) – Former Newcastle chairman Sir John Hall yesterday said he wants his former club to be part of the proposed European Super League soccer competition.

And he said the league was inevitable because "money talks."

Hall said the Super League could commence within two or three years but he was concerned, after Manchester United, Arsenal and Dutch giant Ajax had admitted being involved in talks with competition organizers, that admittance would be by invitation only.

"I'm certain the Super League is coming ... and Newcastle has got to be there," Hall said. "That is why we pushed so hard to get (Newcastle) United back up there as a major force in the game.

"Super League will come because money talks. But the most important thing is that we still look after our domestic game."

Hall steered Newcastle out of obscurity and into Premiership contention when he took over six years ago. He retired last year but then took over again for a brief stint this year when two directors quit.

"My suspicion is that the Super League looks like being a closed shop for the first six or seven years until it has become established," he said.

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Teen tennis: All you need is love

MY CALL

By LISA DILLMAN

Peace, love and understanding arrived in time for the women's Toshiba final Sunday.

It's easy to explain: The kids have left the arena.

Anna Kournikova, 17, never got here. Venus Williams, 18, hobbled off the court in obvious pain and then said she was fine, getting the point across in her mysterious, moody way. Finally, Martina Hingis, 17, said she gave up in the third set against Mary Pierce, and that her own mother, Melanie Molitor, said she played like a junior.

This was a relatively tame week.

Posing, posturing and postulating were at a minimum compared to hyper-intense atmosphere of a Grand Slam event.

Venus Williams did not cry and scream at officials over a disputed line call the way she did in the Wimbledon quarterfinals against Jana Novotna. Sixteen-year-old Serena Williams, who took the week off, wasn't here pulling what was called a junior move at Wimbledon. That's when she departed with a injury – without shaking hands – on the verge of a third-round defeat and then played mixed doubles the next day.

No one pouted and cried the way Kournikova did when officials denied her the opportunity to take a bathroom break at the French Open when she was on the verge of losing in the round of 16 in the fading light.

Here, there was just one major in-your-face-blast, and that came from Pierce, who put away a sitter by whacking the ball right at Hingis. But Pierce, 23, separated herself from the teens by actually apologizing.

Teen tennis means you never have to say you are sorry.

The youth – at least two of them: Hingis and Serena Williams – are headed for the Acura Classic which started yesterday at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach. Hingis is the top seeded player, followed by Lindsay Davenport, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and Monica Seles, if she is healthy enough to compete.

Seles beat Davenport in the final in 1997, and looking back, Manhattan Beach was one of the early stages of the fast-emerging brash attitude of the kids. That was where Hingis asked Davenport whether she wanted to get broken in the first game when she decided to serve.

Davenport got the final word when she knocked off Hingis in three sets.

Certainly, the teen-agers had confident predecessors in the modern age of women's tennis. Billie Jean King and Rosie Casals were hardly shy. People forget that Pam Shriver once had a few choice words for Tracy Austin when they went to shake hands at the net after a contentious match.

The major difference is age, as well as the age of hype. Long before Kournikova posed for *Rolling Stone*, there were articles touting her promise when she was 11. Venus and Serena Williams were well-known years before they landed in the top 50, and landed a multi-page spread in *Vogue*.

"I think the youngsters have so much more attitude," said Seles, the former No. 1 player who has won nine Grand Slam titles. "With us, you had to earn that to have an attitude. The only one who has arrived in terms of feeling that she's good is Martina (Hingis) because she's earned it. The other ones have not yet. They might."

King sees something of a common thread between the generations.

"I think in the '70s, some of us, myself included, were considered pretty outrageous and on the cutting edge," she said. "Now in the '90s with the young players ... I think the only setback they can have, when you speak big, you have to back it up. ... Life becomes more difficult for you ... when you say, 'I'm No. 1, I'm better.'"

The words have been said enough to make the teen-agers sound as if they could fit in nicely in the NBA, with the other cocky millionaires. Only the youth of the NBA are kids who should be in college. On the women's tour, the youngsters should be in high school.

Just listen to them roar:

•"We don't see anyone else – or we don't want anyone else to try to stop us," Venus Williams, on her plan, to be No. 1 in the world, competing only with her sister Serena.

•"One day if I'm probably not playing anymore she could get there," Hingis on Venus Williams' plans for No. 1.

"I don't think any player on the tour wants to lose to Anna ever," said Davenport after beating Kournikova. "

•"You can't say it is cocky. Once you are No. 1 in the world, you win 12 of the 17 tournaments, if you don't have the confidence, who should?" Hingis on her own attitude.

•"It shows me that she didn't beat me. I lost. That means I'm better a little bit than her," Kournikova after losing to Venus Williams.

The sniping sells.

"This is not trash-talking in the sense you get in some other professional sports. This is pretty low-key stuff. And if it weren't a women's sport, it would almost pass without notice," said Bart McGuire, the WTA's CEO.

Said tennis great Chris Evert: "They're saying what we felt, but we didn't say. They're coming out and saying it. So they're being bold. I mean, it makes for interesting press.... In our day, the women got along so well, if there's somebody that was acting up a little bit, we'd just confront her. Maybe that's what the players should do." (Los Angeles Times)

Tiger announcer celebrates 50 years behind the mike

Ernie Harwell, the Detroit Tigers' radio voice since 1960, celebrated his golden anniversary behind the mike Tuesday.

Harwell was a broadcaster for the Orioles as well as the Dodgers and Giants in a major league career that began in August 1948 at Brooklyn's Ebbets Field.

Harwell, 80, is the only broadcaster who was traded for a player.

The minor league Atlanta Crackers acquired catcher Cliff Dapper from the Dodgers for Harwell when Brooklyn needed an announcer because Red Barber was sick with a perforated ulcer. (The Hartford Courant)

Davenport beats injured Pierce at Toshiba

CARLSBAD, CA (AP) – No. 2-ranked Lindsay Davenport played solid tennis and took advantage of an injury to Mary Pierce to win her second straight title with a 6-3, 6-1 victory Sunday in the final of the $450,000 Toshiba Classic.

Davenport, 22, used her powerful ground strokes to control the pace of the 52-minute match as Pierce was noticeably troubled by a strained right quadriceps. Pierce said the injury occurred during a Sunday morning practice session.

"The first couple games I didn't think anything was wrong because she was serving well," Davenport said. "But as the match went on you could definitely tell that ... some part of her leg was bothering her and she wasn't running for balls.

That's unfortunate."

The match was delayed for 18 minutes at 4-3 in the first set when it rained a little. It was also then that Pierce received her medical treatment from Corel WTA Tour trainer Sue Fleshman.

The unseeded Pierce, sporting a bandage high on her right thigh, played well early on. But after the resumption of play, she was clearly not the same player.

"I knew it was going to be difficult from the beginning," Pierce said. "I tried to see what I could do with it, make the best out of it."

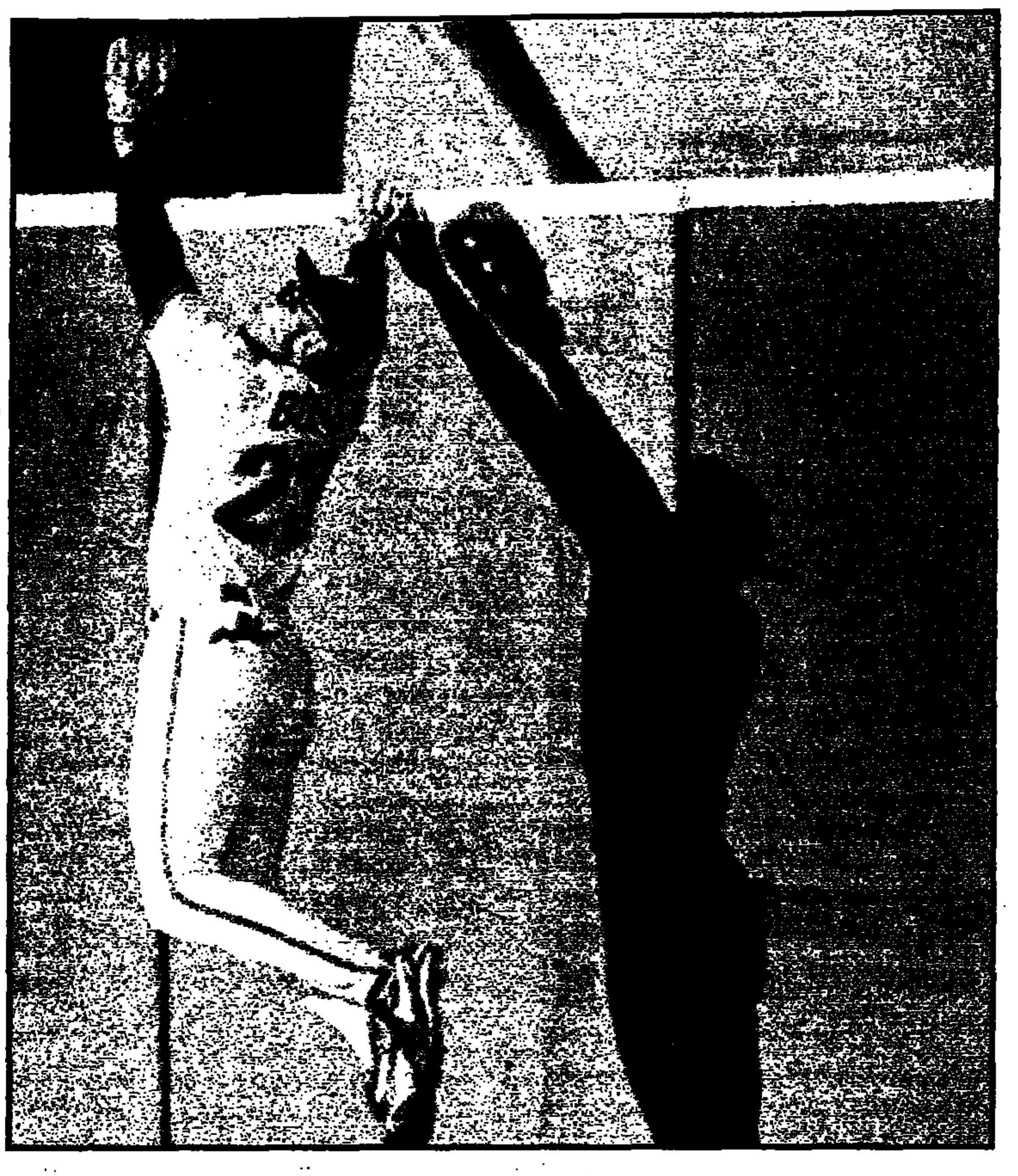
The injury affected "everything" in her game, Pierce said. "To play against someone like Lindsay, you need to be at the top of your game," she said.

Davenport had all parts of her game working as she hit 28 winners and converted four of her five break points. Pierce did not register a break chance the entire match.

"As a player, it's a little bittersweet to win a title like that," said Davenport, who has a 5-2 career record against Pierce. illiams suffered a leg injury in that match.

Davenport, who won $79,000 for her singles title, teamed with Natasha Zvereva of Belarus to win the doubles crown with a 6-2, 6-1 win over France's Natalie Tauziat and Alexandra Fusai.

Yankees sweep KC; Dennis Martinez top Latin ace



THE SHADOW KNOWS – Giants RF Ellis Burks can't reach an Andres Galarraga HR in third-inning action at 3COM Park. The Braves won 7-5. (Reuters)

NEW YORK (AP) – Bernie Williams singled home the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as the New York Yankees beat Kansas City 5-4 on Sunday, completing a four-game wipeout of the Royals.

New York (84-29) outscored the Royals 41-9 in the sweep, completing a week that saw the Yankees win seven of eight, outscoring Oakland and Kansas City by a combined 76-22.

The Yankees are 55 games over .500 for the first time since they finished the 1961 season at 109-53 and are on pace to break the record of 116 wins set by the 1906 Chicago Cubs. They are 42-8 at home.

Red Sox 14, Rangers 8

Mo Vaughn hit his 30th and 31st homers and drove in four runs as Boston completed an 8-4 road trip.

Vaughn had a solo homer in the fourth and a three-run shot in Boston's six-run fifth, giving him six homers against the Rangers this season, four in the four-game series.

He almost got his third of the game in the seventh when he sent Rangers right fielder Mike Simms to the wall.

Twins 5, Orioles 4

Pat Meares went 3-for-4 with two RBIs as host Minnesota won its first game in August. The Twins had lost seven straight.

The loss snapped Baltimore's five-game winning streak.

Eric Davis had an infield hit in the third to extend his team-record hitting streak to 25 games.

Angels 9, White Sox 0

Chuck Finley won for the first time since June 30, allowing only three hits in seven innings as Anaheim won on the road.

He walked five and struck out four, raising his career total to 1,900 strikeouts.

Blue Jays 4, Athletics 3

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to rally Toronto to a home win.

Carlos Delgado singled to open the eighth off Mike Mohler (3-3) before Cruz hit his fifth homer over the left-field fence.

In AL games reported in yesterday's edition:

Mariners 6, Tigers 3

Alex Rodriguez hit a tie-breaking, three-run homer in the seventh as Seattle finished its first ever four-game sweep of the Detroit.

Ken Griffey Jr. failed to homer for the ninth straight game, but made a spectacular leaping catch in center to rob Detroit's Luis Gonzalez of a two-run homer.

Devil Rays 2, Indians 1

John Flaherty's ninth-inning double drove in Quinton McCracken from first base as Tampa Bay won at home.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals 2, Cubs 1

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were both kept in the ballpark, and John Mabry's pinch-hit homer was the difference as St. Louis won at home.

Neither McGwire nor Sosa, who each homered on Saturday in St. Louis' wild 9-8 win in 13 innings, got many pitches to hit. Sosa singled, walked three times and struck out to end the game with a runner at first.

McGwire struck out twice and was walked twice, giving him 121 this season. He has 46 homers and Sosa 44 as they chase Roger Maris' single-season record of 61.

Braves 7, Giants 5

Dennis Martinez became the winningest Latin pitcher in baseball history when Chipper Jones hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the top of the ninth inning.

Martinez (3-2) pitched a perfect eighth to break Juan Marichal's record of 243 wins at the same park where Marichal starred for the Giants.

Barry Bonds hit two home runs and drove in four runs for San Francisco, which lost its fourth straight game to remain two games behind the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Astros 11, Phillies 2

Shane Reynolds got his 14th win and Billy Wagner pitched for the first time since being struck in the head by a line drive as Houston completed a three-game home sweep.

Padres 6, Marlins 5

Ken Caminiti hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning to put host San Diego ahead.

Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 38th save.

Rockies 11, Mets 4

Dante Bichette went 4-for-5 with five RBIs and Darryl Kile won at home for just the third time this season.

Bichette hit his 18th homer and reached 100 RBIs for the fourth straight year. Colorado trailed 4-1 in the third before scoring seven runs in the fourth.

Colorado's Larry Walker robbed Mike Piazza of a homer in the seventh inning with a leaping catch at the right-field wall.

Hideo Nomo (5-9) lasted just 3⅔ innings, giving up seven runs and eight hits.

John Olerud went 4-for-5 and extended his hitting streak to 23 games for New York.

Expos 8, Diamondbacks 2

Bob Henley's two-run double keyed a five-run, two-out rally in the seventh as host Montreal won for the sixth time in seven games.

Brewers 4, Reds 3

Leadoff hitter Fernando Vina revived Milwaukee's offense with a pair of hits and steals as the Brewers rebounded from consecutive shutouts.

Scott Karl (9-6), pitching on his 27th birthday, held the Reds to five hits in seven-plus innings, steadying a pitching staff that had allowed 21 runs in the previous two days.

Pirates 2, Dodgers 1

Chris Peters pitched seven strong innings and Jason Kendall homered as visiting Pittsburgh snapped a four-game losing streak.

Peters (6-8), a 26-year-old left-hander making his 13th start of the season and 24th of his career, allowed four hits and one run while walking one and striking out six.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Seattle 010 011 300–6 11 2
Detroit 001 020 000–3 9 1

Swift, B.Wells (6), McCarthy (7), Slocumb (7), Timlin (9) and J.Oliver; Florie, Runyan (6), M.Anderson (7), Bochtler (8), To.Jones (9) and Bako. W–B.Wells 2-2. L–Runyan 1-3. Sv–Timlin (9). HRs–Seattle, A.Rodriguez (35), E.Martinez (22), Ibanez (1).

Oakland 001 020 000–3 5 1
Toronto 001 001 02x–4 9 2

Oquist, Mohler (6), Taylor (8) and Hinch; Clemens, Sinclair (8), Quantrill (8) and Fletcher. W–Quantrill 2-4. L–Mohler 3-3. HR–Toronto, J.Cruz (5).

Kansas City 000 310 000–4 8 0
New York 001 003 01x–5 8 0

Pichardo, Whisenant (6), Service (7) and Fasano; Pettitte, R.Mendoza (6), M.Rivera (9) and Girardi, Posada (8). W–R.Mendoza 8-2. L–Service 4-3. Sv–M.Rivera (30). HR–New York, Brosius (12).

Cleveland 010 000 000–1 4 0
Tampa Bay 010 000 001–2 10 0

Jr.Wright, Assenmacher (8), Shuey (9) and Borders; Arrojo, Mecir (9) and Flaherty. W–Mecir 4-2. L–Assenmacher 2-5.

Anaheim 204 100 002–9 13 1
Chicago 000 000 000–0 4 0

C.Finley, P.Harris (8) and Walbeck; Baldwin, C.Castillo (3), Eyre (7), Bradford (9) and Machado. W–C.Finley 9-5. L–Baldwin 7-5. HR–Anaheim, Salmon (22).

Baltimore 000 011 020–4 9 0
Minnesota 001 002 20x–5 14 0

Mussina, Munoz (8) and Hoiles; Serafini, Carrasco (7), Guardado (8), Trombley (8), Aguilera (9) and Steinbach. W–Serafini 5-4. L–Mussina 10-6. Sv–Aguilera (28). HRs–Baltimore, R.Alomar (11), Surhoff (16).

Boston 004 261 001–14 12 0
Texas 200 060 000–8 9 1

Wasdin, Lowe (5), Corsi (6), Swindell (7), Eckersley (8), Gordon (9) and Hatteberg; Stottlemyre, Gunderson (5), Crabtree (6), D.Patterson (9) and Haselman. W–Corsi 3-1. L–Stottlemyre 1-1. HRs–Boston, M.Vaughn 2 (31), Hatteberg (10), Sadler (2). Texas, Simms (11).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 010 001 000–2 6 1
Montreal 000 000 53x–8 9 1

Wolcott, W.Banks (7), Embree (8), F.Rodriguez (8) and Miller; Thurman, Bennett (7), Kline (8) and Henley. W–Bennett 5-4. L–Wolcott 1-2. Sv–Kline (1). HR–Arizona, T.Batista (8).

Chicago 010 000 000–1 5 1
St. Louis 001 001 00x–2 5 2

Wengert, Karchner (6), F.Heredia (8) and Servais, S.Martinez (8); D.Oliver, Frascatore (7), Brantley (9) and Lampkin. W–D.Oliver 1-1. L–Wengert 1-2. Sv–Brantley (14). HR–St. Louis, Mabry (8).

Milwaukee 100 021 000–4 8 0
Cincinnati 000 000 030–3 8 1

Karl, Plunk (8), Wickman (8) and Matheny; Parris, Sullivan (6), Krivda (7), Graves (8), Belinda (9) and G.Garcia. W–Karl 9-6. L–Parris 1-3. Sv–Wickman (19).

Philadelphia 000 100 100–2 8 3
Houston 102 510 02x–11 12 1

Beech, Ryan (4), Spradlin (6), Bottalico (8) and Estalella; Reynolds, B.Wagner (9) and Eusebio. W–Reynolds 14-7. L–Beech 3-9. HRs–Philadelphia, Zuber (2). Houston, Alou (30).

New York 022 000 000–4 10 1
Colorado 100 701 02x–11 17 1

Nomo, Blair (4), Rojas (8) and Piazza, Fabregas (7); Kile and Manwaring. W–Kile 8-14. L–Nomo 5-9. HR–Colorado, Bichette (18).

Florida 122 000 000–5 7 0
San Diego 301 200 00x–6 8 0

A.Larkin, Edmondson (4), Darensbourg (6), Stanifer (7) and Redmond; Hitchcock, Wall (7), Hoffman (9) and Leyritz, C.Hernandez (8). W–Hitchcock 6-4. L–A.Larkin 3-7. Sv–Hoffman (38). HRs–Florida, Renteria (3), Kotsay (7), L.Castillo (1), San Diego, Caminiti (21).

Pittsburgh 010 010 000–2 6 0
Los Angeles 000 000 100–1 5 0

Peters, Dessens (8), Rincon (8) and Kendall; Park, Radinsky (8), Shaw (9) and C.Johnson. W–Peters 6-8. L–Park 10-6. Sv–Rincon (12). HRs–Pittsburgh, Kendall (7). Los Angeles, Bonilla (6).

Atlanta 202 000 102–7 8 0
San Francisco 103 000 100–5 6 0

Smoltz, Rocker (7), Seanez (7), D.Martinez (8), Ligtenberg (9) and J.Lopez; Gardner, R.Rodriguez (8), Tavarez (8), Mesa (9) and Mayne. W–D.Martinez 3-4. L–Mesa 2-2. Sv–Ligtenberg (18). HRs–Atlanta, Ch.Jones (28), Galarraga (36), Tucker (12). San Francisco, Bonds 2 (23).

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING–Olerud, New York, .352; LWalker, Colorado, .341; Bichette, Colorado, .341; VGuerrero, Montreal, .334; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .327; BJordan, St. Louis, .325; DeBell, Houston, .325; Morandini, Chicago, .325; Gwynn, San Diego, .325.

RUNS–ChJones, Atlanta, 93; Biggio, Houston, 93; Bagwell, Houston, 88; McGwire, St. Louis, 88; GVaughn, San Diego, 87; Sosa, Chicago, 86; Glanville, Philadelphia, 85.

RBI–Sosa, Chicago, 114; McGwire, St. Louis, 103; Castilla, Colorado, 101; Alou, Houston, 101; Bichette, Colorado, 100; GVaughn, San Diego, 93; Galarraga, Atlanta, 91.

HITS–Bichette, Colorado, 167; Glanville, Philadelphia, 152; VGuerrero, Montreal, 151; DeBell, Houston, 149; Biggio, Houston, 148; Castilla, Colorado, 147; Olerud, New York, 140; Sosa, Chicago, 140.

HOME RUNS–McGwire, St. Louis, 46; Sosa, Chicago, 44; GVaughn, San Diego, 39; Castilla, Colorado, 35; Galarraga, Atlanta, 35; Alou, Houston, 30; ChJones, Atlanta, 27; HRodriguez, Chicago, 27.

STOLEN BASES–Womack, Pittsburgh, 44; Renteria, Florida, 37; Biggio, Houston, 36; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 34; Floyd, Florida, 24; QVeras, San Diego, 21; Clayton, St. Louis, 19; McRae, New York, 19; Bonds, San Francisco, 19.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)–KBrown, San Diego, 14-3, .824, 2.58; Glavine, Atlanta, 15-4, .789, 2.47; GMaddux, Atlanta, 15-5, .750, 1.53; Ashby, San Diego, 15-6, .714, 2.55; ALeiter, New York, 10-4, .714, 2.34; Millwood, Atlanta, 13-6, .684, 4.51; Reynolds, Houston, 14-7, .667, 3.61.

STRIKEOUTS–Schilling, Philadelphia, 221; Wood, Chicago, 185; KBrown, San Diego, 180; GMaddux, Atlanta, 151; Stottlemyre, St. Louis, 147; Reynolds, Houston, 142; Nomo, New York, 137.

SAVES–Hoffman, San Diego, 38; Shaw, Los Angeles, 34; Beck, Chicago, 33; Nen, San Francisco, 29; Urbina, Montreal, 26; JFranco, New York, 23; BWagner, Houston, 22.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING–TWalker, Minnesota, .351; BWilliams, New York, .350; Segui, Seattle, .333; IRodriguez, Texas, .331; MVaughn, Boston, .329; Garciaparra, Boston, .323; DJeter, New York, .320.

RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 94; DJeter, New York, 90; ARodriguez, Seattle, 89; Durham, Chicago, 87; Edmonds, Anaheim, 84; JnValentin, Boston, 83; Knoblauch, New York, 83.

RBI–JuGonzalez, Texas, 119; Belle, Chicago, 99; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 98; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 97; ARodriguez, Seattle, 95; MRamirez, Cleveland, 95; TMartinez, New York, 90.

HITS–ARodriguez, Seattle, 151; Higginson, Detroit, 141; O'Neill, New York, 141; Erstad, Anaheim, 140; GAnderson, Anaheim, 140; MVaughn, Boston, 140; DJeter, New York, 139; Offerman, Kansas City, 139.

HOME RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 41; ARodriguez, Seattle, 35; Belle, Chicago, 35; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 35; JuGonzalez, Texas, 33; Canseco, Toronto, 32; MVaughn, Boston, 31.

STOLEN BASES–Henderson, Oakland, 48; Lofton, Cleveland, 35; Stewart, Toronto, 34; ARodriguez, Seattle, 33; TGoodwin, Texas, 31; Offerman, Kansas City, 30; BLHunter, Detroit, 29.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)–DWells, New York, 14-2, .875, 3.48; Cone, New York, 16-4, .800, 3.50; PMartinez, Boston, 15-4, .789, 2.70; Wakefield, Boston, 14-5, .737, 4.18; Rogers, Oakland, 11-4, .733, 2.90; Helling, Texas, 15-6, .714, 4.59; Clemens, Toronto, 14-6, .700, 3.09.

STRIKEOUTS–RJohnson, Seattle, 213; PMartinez, Boston, 183; Clemens, Toronto, 170; CFinley, Anaheim, 161; Cone, New York, 150; Erickson, Baltimore, 134; Colon, Cleveland, 128.

SAVES–Gordon, Boston, 32; Wetteland, Texas, 31; MRivera, New York, 30; Percival, Anaheim, 30; RaMyers, Toronto, 28; Aguilera, Minnesota, 28; MJackson, Cleveland, 27.

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Philadelphia	56	60	.483	22
Montreal	49	69	.415	30
Florida	41	76	.350	37½
Central Division				
Houston	71	46	.607	—
Chicago	64	54	.542	7½
Milwaukee	58	59	.496	13
St. Louis	56	60	.483	14½
Cincinnati	53	65	.449	18½
Pittsburgh	52	66	.441	19½
West Division				
San Diego	76	41	.650	—
San Francisco	62	56	.525	14½
Los Angeles	60	58	.508	16½
Colorado	53	65	.449	23½
Arizona	44	73	.376	32

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	84	29	.743	—
Boston	68	47	.591	17
Baltimore	60	56	.517	25½
Toronto	58	59	.496	28
Tampa Bay	45	69	.395	39½
Central Division				
Cleveland	65	51	.560	—
Minnesota	52	63	.452	12½
Kansas City	52	65	.444	13½
Chicago	51	64	.443	13½
Detroit	46	69	.400	18½
West Division				
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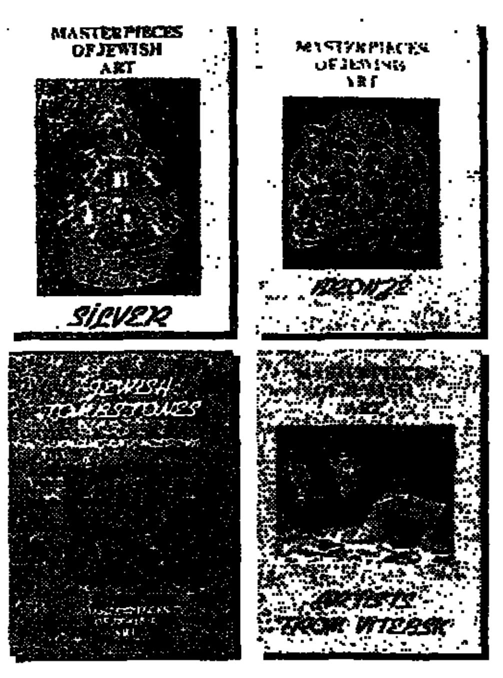

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15:00 Tush Tush
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Reshef
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
18:00 Viper
19:00 Pacific Blue
20:00 News
20:30 Focus
21:05 Summer on the Beach
22:30 Basic Training
23:25 For a Few Dollars More – western in which Clint Eastwood reprises his role as The Man with No Name on the trail of assorted outlaws. With Lee Van Cleef and Klaus Kinski
00:00 News
00:05 For a Few Dollars More – contd.
1:55 Verse of the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Prostar
15:30 Star Runner
16:00 Bordertown
16:30 Girlie, It's You
17:00 Skeleton Beach
18:00 French programs
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Stepfather, Stepmother
20:00 What Would You Do?
20:30 Encounter
21:00 Current Affairs
21:15 Rhodes
22:00 News in English
22:30 Movie
00:30 Metro Café

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Arthur
17:20 Madeleine
17:45 Superbook 2
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 Ed Sullivan
20:25 Candid Camera
21:15 *The Cape*
22:05 Sirens
23:00 The *700 Club*
23:30 CNN News

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:45 Amores
17:30 Arabic Panel Discussion
18:00 Animation
18:15 Fairies and Rabbits
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Entertainment Now
20:00 American History
20:30 Showcase
21:00 News
21:30 Telekessef
22:00 Mysteries of our Century
22:45 Cinema 3

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Boogie's Diner
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Rosewood and Olive
17:30 Nature and Science
18:00 Family Album
18:30 Blitz on Cartoons
19:00 Comedy Company
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 New Evening
20:00 Mirror
20:30 Through Our Eyes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Art Arche
22:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
22:45 Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 EITV: The World's Most Eligible Bachelors
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 John Larroquette
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Cafe Paris
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place – reruns of the successful Aaron Spelling soap opera about fashionable young people in LA
20:25 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch
20:50 Suddenly Susan
21:10 Suddenly Susan
21:35 Dreams of Youth
22:00 Suddenly Susan
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Renegade
1:20 Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Don't Ask Me If I Love (Hebrew, 1979) – drama written by and starring Amos Kollek. A young man gives in to his foreign girlfriend's pleas and helps an Arab friend escape jail
13:10 Back to Bataan (1945) – WWII action film. An American officer leads a group of Philippine rebels against the Japanese. With John Wayne and Anthony Quinn
14:45 Terror in the Shadows (1995) – a woman escapes from an asylum and stalks a man whose wife and children she has already killed
16:20 The Return of the Pink Panther (1975) – the fourth comic adventure of the clumsy Inspector Clouseau, played by Peter Sellers. Directed by Blake Edwards
18:15 First Do No Harm (1997) – based on a true story. Meryl Streep stars as the mother of a young epileptic who loses faith in conventional medicine and seeks alternatives
19:55 Renegade
20:35 Sherlock Bonez (1994) – the comic adventures of a young boy and a talking dog 22:00 Vegas Vacation (1997) – slapstick comedy with Chevy Chase as a bungling head of a family, this time vacationing in Las Vegas. With Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Wallace Shawn and Wayne Newton
23:35 The Underground (1994) – a policeman with a past uncovers a plot to murder rap musicians. With Jeff Fahey
1:05 Last Light (1993) – a death-row prisoner and his prison guard strike up an unexpected friendship. With Kiefer Sutherland and Forrest Whitaker
2:50 Dying to Love You (1993, 90 mins) – a man hurries to marry a beautiful woman in order to get over his divorce and then discovers he doesn't really know her. With Tim Matheson

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Oscar and Friends
8:15 Herlufis
8:35 Oliver Twist
9:05 The Smurfs
9:35 Ninja Turtles
10:00 Hot-Air Balloon
10:10 Batman
10:40 Twins of Destiny
11:05 Hot-Air Balloon
11:15 Viewers' choice comedy
11:50 Hot-Air Balloon
12:00 Sweet Valley High
12:20 Hot-Air Balloon
12:30 Football: When Dreams Come True
13:00 Bobby's World
13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquititas
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Hot-Air Balloon
15:40 Batman
16:05 Twins of Destiny
16:45 Viewers' choice
17:30 Sweet Valley High
18:00 Football: When Dreams Come True (rpt)
18:30 Oliver Twist
19:00 The Smurfs
19:30 Family Matters
19:50 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl (German, 1993, 181 mins.) – long and fascinating documentary portrait by Ray Müller of the Third Reich's infamous propagandist

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 World of Geo: Fire Mountain (rpt)
8:50 Floyd on Italy: Tuscany
9:20 United States Television (rpt)
10:00 Love of Three Orchestras
11:25 The Moviemakers
12:30 A Healthy Body
13:00 The Singing Apes of Khao Ya (rpt)
13:25 Explorers of the Titanic (rpt)
14:20 Science Time
15:15 Chrome Wheels
16:05 Lost Worlds: Tutankhamen
17:00 Open University: Heroes of Democracy; MAnxiety Disorders
19:05 A Healthy Body
19:30 Bush Babies
20:05 Understanding Volcanoes
21:05 Science Times
21:55 What's Your Poison: Nicotine
22:25 Lost Worlds: Machu Picchu
23:20 Open University: Celluloid Heroes; Interactions in Science; Greek Fire

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Frugal Gourmet Cooks Italian
6:30 To the Manor Born
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 Oprah Winfrey
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Nanny and the Professor
11:00 To the Manor Born
11:30 The Frugal Gourmet Cooks Italian
12:00 Terry Toons
12:30 Small Wonder
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 Wonder Years
15:00 Two Point Four Children
15:30 Chef!
16:00 Absolutely Fabulous
16:30 Murder Most Horrid
17:00 Dangerfield
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Two Point Four Children
20:30 Chef!
21:00 Absolutely Fabulous
21:30 Murder Most Horrid
22:00 Dangerfield
23:00 VegaS
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 New Fantastic Four
2:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:40 World Business
7:30 Window on Europe
8:30 How Buildings Learn
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Top Gear (rpt)
11:30 Window on Europe
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Earth Report (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Wild World
16:30 The World Today
17:30 The Travel Show
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Wild World
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Reporters (rpt)
23:10 World Business
23:30 One Foot on the Continent
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:15 Asia Today (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News through the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Digital Jam
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 World Beat
19:00 Larry King Live
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline

■ SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
13:30 Sky World News
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportsline
22:30 Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 To be announced
19:00 English Soccer
19:30 The Survivors
20:00 Candid Camera
20:30 Mondial Adidas
21:00 Olympic Series
21:30 French League Soccer
23:00 Darts

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Mountain Bike
10:00 Basketball
11:00 Ski Jumping
12:30 Eurogoals
14:00 All Sports
14:30 Mounatin Bike
15:00 Touring Car
16:00 Tennis
17:30 Soccer
18:30 Eurogoals
20:00 Live Tennis
22:00 Live Soccer
00:00 Soccer
1:00 Mountain Bike
1:30 Rally
2:00 4-Wheel Drive

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	The Thin Blue Line		Melrose Place		Family Matters	Bush Babies
20:00	News Talk of the Day	News		Renegade	Married with Children	Under-standing Volcanoes
20:30	Are You Being Served	Focus	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Sherlock Bonez	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
21:00	News	Summer on the Beach	Suddenly Susan Suddenly Susan		Full House	Science Times
21:30	Summer at Jubilee		Dreams of Youth		Beverly Hills 90210	
22:00	Weekly Lotto Draw Summer at Jubilee		Suddenly Susan	Vegas Vacation	The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl	What's Your Poison
22:30		Basic Training	Seinfeld			
23:00	Dream On		Ricki Lake			Lost Worlds

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Merula: Chromatic Sonata; Gross (18th century): Trumpet Concerto; Hummel: Piano Concerto in A flat major; Mozart: 2 Church Sonatas
7:07 Meyerbeer: March; Saint-Saens: Cello Concerto no 1; Liszt: Petrarch Sonata no 104 for Piano
8:05 Mendelssohn: Fantasy on the song "The Last Rose of Summer"; Mendelssohn: String Symphony no 1; Faure: Papillons op 77 for Cello and Piano; Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet
9:05 Josquin Desprez: Missa – Gaudeamus; Haydn: Symphony no 49; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 18 K456; Schumann: String Quartet op 41 no 2; Ravel: Tombeau de Couperin; Bartok: Piano Concerto no 1
12:00 Light Classical – Saint-Saens
13:00 Artist of the Week – Paul Hillier and the Hilliard Ensemble. Medieval English songs; Officium: Medieval songs
14:08 Music from Near and Far
15:00 From the Recording Studio – Gilad Karni, viola / Itamar Golan, piano. Dvorak: Sonatina in G major op 100; Enescu: Concertpiece; Franck: Sonata in A major
16:00 My Concert
18:00 New CDs – Telemann: Orpheus; Vivaldi: Recorder Concerto in C minor; Marais: Pieces de Viole; Mozart: Variations in F major K352
20:05 From Our Concert Halls – Festival of Vocal Music in Abu Ghosh (October 13, 1995). Motets by Victoria, Schutz, Mendelssohn, Messaien and others; Mozart: Trinity Mass in C
22:00 Sounds from Around the World

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news
6:00 Morning Drive till 9:00 – Music with David Starck
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:45 Sports Update: Danny Gewirtz
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) – '80s-'90s Music with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Mediaworks Hi-Tech Show
12:00 Premium Time – Centurion Insurance
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
16:00 Afternoon Drive (until 19:00) – with Aaron Katsman
17:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
18:45 Sports Update
19:00 Classic Rock
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's news tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Barbara Diamond – One on One Interview Show
22:00 West Rocks – Michal Cohen
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 News
6:05 World Business Report
6:15 Sports Roundup
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: Jump, part 1, By Nadine Gordimer
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:45 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 Discovery
9:00 News
9:15 Insight
9:30 About Face
10:00 News
10:15 Off the Shelf: Anna Karenina, part 7
10:30 Welcome To My World
10:45 The Lab
11:00 News
11:10 Pause For Thought
11:15 Musical Of The Week
12:00 News
12:05 World Business Report
12:15 Stories From The Afterlife
12:30 Looking At Literature: Much Ado About Nothing
12:45 Sports Roundup
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 On Screen
14:00 Newsdesk
14:30 About Face
15:00 News
15:05 World Business Report
15:15 Britain Today
15:30 Health Matters
15:45 Sports Roundup
16:00 Newshour
17:00 News
17:05 Outlook
17:30 Multitrack: Hit List
18:00 News
18:05 Sports Roundup
18:15 Westway
18:30 The Greenfield Collection
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Britain Today
20:00 News
20:15 Insight
20:30 Heads And Tails
20:45 Sports Roundup
21:00 Newsdesk
21:30 One Planet
22:00 News
22:25 Pause For Thought
22:30 Magamix
23:00 Newshour
00:00 News

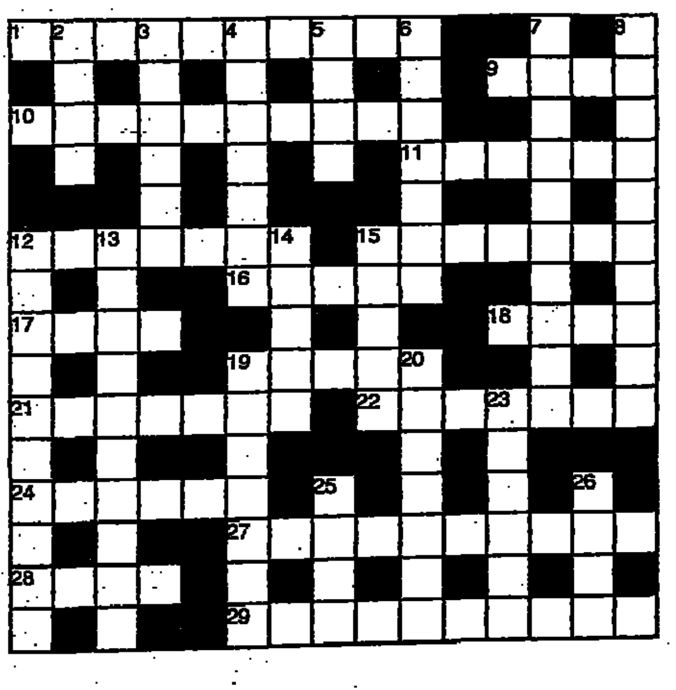
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Plan soldiers exploit to get drink (10)
9 Drop a lengthy story (4)
10 Quietly train male rebels for Westminster (10)
11 Keep terriers in check (6)
12 States small change in dispatch will cause delay (7)
15 Judge a foreign aristocrat to be about 100 (7)
16 Make allowances for the president (5)
17 Were reformed in jug (4)
18 Most fences hold such creatures back (4)
19 Ships that are anything but slow? (5)
21 Farther down the road the French turned sideways (7)
22 Elegant—and repeatedly made to pay for it (7)
24 Ring and point out there's a choice (6)
27 Conclude gold and black may be approved of (10)
28 The woman's no artist! (4)
29 An uncharitable fellow wanting to find himself? (4-6)

DOWN

2 Attend to a man aright (4)
3 Join the assembly, or possibly draw back (4,2)
4 Having to do with a sound upbringing (7)
5 An employer's cunning ruse (4)
6 Remove to boot a little weight (7)
7 Tease a bungler—popular though shabby guy (10)
8 Made a drawer (10)
12 Enchanted by the period before spring? (10)
13 Those contemplating getting pets—cats or otherwise (10)
14 Exercise a baboon (5)
15 Animosity is shown by some strangers (5)
19 Thickhead's obesity (7)
20 Numbers incorporate river holdings (7)
23 For the climber coldly cutting in (3-3)
25 One exceptionally old should be a revered figure (4)
26 Squander money when in low spirits (4)



SOLUTIONS

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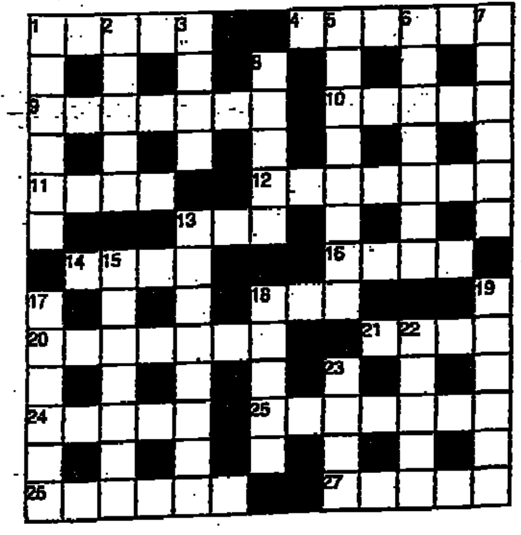
Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Bloc, 4 Assault, 8 Settler, 9 Plant, 10 Manna, 11 Stadium, 13 Note, 15 Nassau, 17 Skimpy, 20 Sate, 22 Apparel, 24 Tears, 26 Loose, 27 Atheism, 28 Witness, 29 Pluck.

DOWN: 1 Bushmen, 2 Often, 3 Sultana, 4 Arrest, 5 Sepia, 6 Uranium, 7 Totem, 12 Test, 14 Ouse, 16 Support, 18 Ketchup, 19 Yashmak, 21 Always, 22 Allow, 23 Reeve, 25 Adieu.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Traces (5)
4 Sibilated (6)
9 Steadfast (7)
10 Mediterranean island (5)
11 Military body (4)
12 Remove (7)
13 Lout (3)
14 Equitable (4)
16 Large flightless bird (4)
18 View (3)
20 Cautious (7)
21 Counterfeit (4)
24 Search (5)
25 Cock (7)
26 Without difficulty (6)
27 Amalgamate (5)

DOWN

1 Accident (6)
2 Kingdom (5)
3 Fall (4)
5 Unripe (8)
6 Save (7)
7 Shortage (6)
8 Robber (5)
13 Eastern (8)
15 Charms (7)
17 Non-transparent (6)
18 Strict (5)
19 Ordain (6)
22 On the move (5)
23 Wander (4)

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE The Man In The Iron Mask 5 • Ishtar 7 • As Good As It Gets ∞Lady Eve 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Grease 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 • Mouse Hunt∞Superboy∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 2, 4:45 • The Patriot∞The Real Blonde∞City of Angels 7:15, 10 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • High Art 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 **JERUSALEM THEATER** On Connait La Chanson 9:30 ∞The Spanish Prisoner 9:30 • The King of Masks 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Lost In Space 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m., 5, 6:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 As Good As It Gets 10 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 4:45 • Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Kundun 5 • He Got Game 5:45, 10 • Family Secrets 4, 8:15

TEL AVIV
COLONY ☎ 5177101 Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 Grease∞The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 • City of Angels∞The Patriot∞High Art 7:30, 10 • Superboy ∞The Magic Sword ∞Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski∞Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Live Flesh∞The Patriot 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 He Got Game 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 11:30 a.m., 2, 7:30 • Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 7, 9:45 • Family Secrets 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 5, 10 • Go Now 11 a.m., 1:45 • Night Train 4:45 • Carla's Song Fri. 9:45; Sat. 2 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 He Got Game 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 5, , 7:30 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 7:15, 10 • Brassed Off 11 a.m., 2:30, 10 • Carla's Song 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Welcome to the Doll's House 11 a.m., 1:45, 5 • Family Secrets 11:15 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 In The Realm of the Senses 8 • Shall We Dance 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 High Art 7:30, 10 • City of Angels 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • Superboy ∞Paulie 11:30 a.m., 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • LA Confidential 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Godzilla 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Lost In Space 11 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:15 • Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Jackie Brown 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 2, 5:15, 9 • As Good As It Gets 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The Full Monty 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Leading Man Fri. 10, 12:15 a.m. **SIX MAGNIFICENT** ☎6888665 Looking for Lola∞Sinbad 12 noon, 2, 4, 6, 10 • Sinbad 12 noon, 2, 4, 6 • The Crying Game 8 • The Brats 12 noon, 4, 6, 8 • The Fifth Element 2, 10 • Azit 12 noon, 4 • Hard Men 6, 8 • The Break Up 10 • Men Always Lie 12 noon, 2, 6, 8 • Monty Python and the Holy Grail 4, 10 • Funny Games 8, 10 • Graduation Exam 12 noon, 8 • Scared City 2, 4, 6 • Tromeo and Juliet 10 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** The Hanging Garden 5, 8, 10

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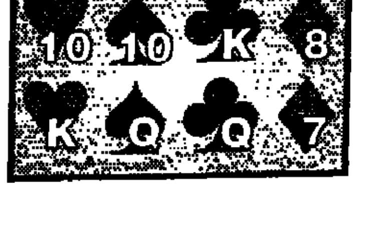

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Man Utd launch TV station

MANCHESTER (AP) – Manchester United yesterday unveiled MUTV, a television station which is eventually expected to be broadcast to the Premier League soccer team's estimated 8 million supporters around the world.

MUTV, the first station of its kind in soccer, will go on air from September 10 on the Sky network, initially targeting about 4 million supporters in England for a subscription fee of about £5 per month.

Britain's biggest club joined forces with the Sky broadcasting network and Granada media to create the new channel, which will broadcast six hours every day from 6 p.m. local time to midnight.

The programming will include live youth and reserve matches, features and news – but not live Premier League matches.

A studio has been built at the club's Old Trafford ground and another will be incorporated in its new training complex, which is under construction at Carrington on the outskirts of Manchester.

A staff of about 50 has been recruited to work on the station.

Manchester United chief executive Paul Ridley said the concept was "revolutionary."

"There isn't a Manchester United fan in the world who doesn't want more access to the club and the players," Ridley said.

England win by 23 runs to take series

LEEDS (AP) – England scored its first five-Test series victory since 1986, bowling out South Africa for 195 to win the fifth and deciding Test by 23 runs at Headingley yesterday.

England came back from 0-1 down in the series after losing the second Test at Lord's by 10 wickets to win the fourth and fifth Tests and claim the series 2-1.

South Africa, set a target of 219 to win the match and the series, were bowled out for 195 runs in its second innings.

Both teams entered the final day in hunt of a series victory.

South Africa needed 34 runs and England needed two wickets – it took England just 30 minutes to win.

It was the first time an England side has come from behind to take a series since David Gower's side won 2-1 in India in 1984-85.

South Africa resumed at 185 for eight and added nine to its total in five overs before Allan Donald edged a slower ball from Angus Fraser to wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Darren Gough ended the series when he dismissed South Africa's No.11 batsman Makhaya Ntini.

Gough trapped Ntini leg before wicket to seal a remarkable win and finished the innings with a career best 6-42. Angus Fraser took 3-50.

Shaun Pollock, who had carried South Africa's hopes into the last day, was left unbeaten on 28.

It was Stewart's first series as captain since taking over from Mike Atherton at the start of the summer.

"South Africa are in the top three sides in the world and we weren't in that top three, and that made the victory all the more sweet," Stewart said. "We have shown in this series that we can compete with top sides like South Africa."

Stewart said England were now looking forward to the Ashes series in Australia later this year.

"To beat the best in the world is a big challenge," Stewart said. "They (Australia) have been on top of us in five series, and it's time we did something."

South African skipper Hansie Cronje said his side was on track until the fourth day at Old Trafford to win the series.

"The pendulum swung their way and took a definite win away from us," he said. "Obviously, we are very disappointed.

"We had high hopes after winning the second Test at Lord's and did our best at Old Trafford but we didn't get the wickets. Then things started to go wrong for us.

"The Old Trafford Test was an opportunity for us to go 2-0 in front and we had another opportunity at Trent Bridge to get a big score and put England under pressure."

Cronje refused to be drawn into a debate on the umpiring, but said he would sit back and reflect on the series before submitting a report to his board.

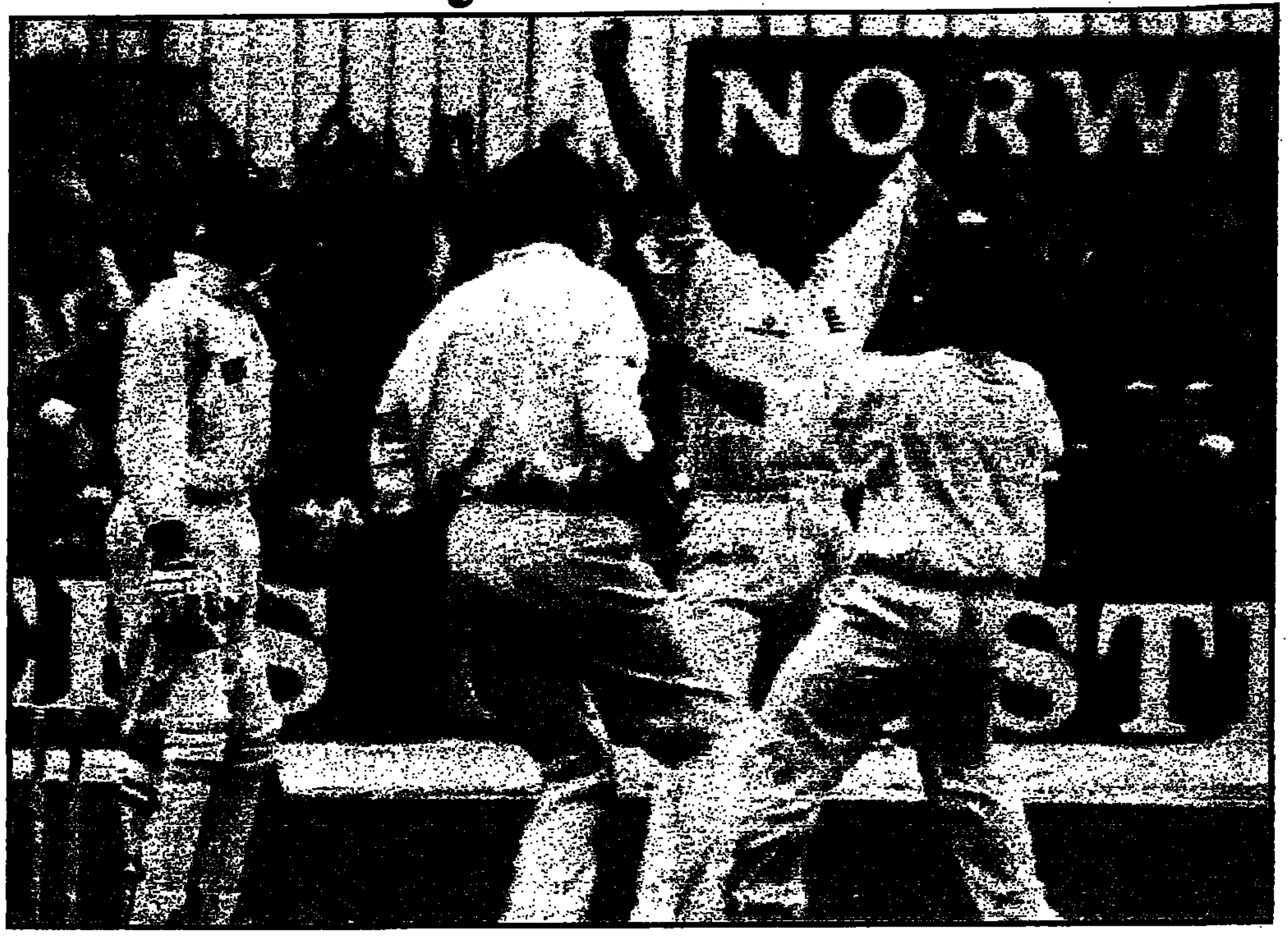
"There are many ifs and buts but considering everything we were probably a bit light in our first innings," he said. "You do not want to blame anyone and there are many turning points in a game but when you get an opportunity you have to take it."

Cronje said the defeat was a step backward for his team. "It's time we stood up and took responsibility," he said.

Donald, who is carrying an injury to his left heel, was given the option of missing the one-day triangular involving England and Sri Lanka.

"Allan feels he's got unfinished business, so he wants to be part of the whole tour," Cronje added.

Donald, with 33 wickets (avge 19.78), was South Africa's man-of-the series, while Atherton with 493 runs (avge 54.77) won the honors for England.



OVER AND OUT – England's Darren Gough (c) celebrates taking the wicket of Makhaya Nitni to win the Test series against South Africa yesterday. (Reuters)

Scoreboard on the last day of the fifth and final Test between England and South Africa at Headingley yesterday:
England first innings 230 (M.Butcher 116; M.Ntini 4-72)
South Africa first innings 252 (H.Cronje 57; A.Fraser 5-42)
England second innings 240 (N.Hussain 94; S.Pollock 5-53, A.Donald 5-71)
South Africa second innings (overnight 185-8)

G.Kirsten c Atherton b Gough	3
G.Liebenberg lbw b Gough	6
J.Kallis lbw b Fraser	3
D.Cullinan lbw b Gough	0
H.Cronje c Stewart b Fraser	0
J.Rhodes c Flintoff b Gough	85
B.McMillan c Stewart b Cork	54
S.Pollock not out	28
M.Boucher lbw b Gough	4
A.Donald c Stewart b Fraser	4
M.Ntini lbw b Gough	0
Extras (lb-6 nb-2)	8
Total	195

Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-12 3-12 4-12 5-27 6-144 7-167 8-175 9-194 Bowling: Gough 23-6-42-6, Fraser 23-8-50-3, Cork 17-1-50-1, Flintoff 4-0-13-0, Salisbury 8-0-34-0
Result: England won by 23 runs
First test: Edgbaston – Match drawn.
Second Test: Lord's – South Africa won by 10 wickets.
Third Test: Old Trafford – Match drawn.
Fourth Test: Trent Bridge – England won by 8 wickets.
England win series 2-1.

Bacher condemns umpiring

LEEDS (AP) – South African cricket boss Ali Bacher condemned the standard of umpiring in the Test series between South Africa and England after the tourists slumped to a series defeat.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director said he had conferred with former England chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth and they agreed that the standard of umpiring in this series was below par.

South Africa, having outplayed England early in the series, surrendered a 1-0 lead to lose the series 2-1, following a 23-run defeat in the fifth and final Test.

Bacher's outburst follows an impassioned plea from South African coach Bob Woolmer, who called for an extension of duty for the third umpire in Tests following the string of contentious decisions which marred the fourth Test.

"I am convinced three of our five wickets weren't out," Bacher said, referring to three of the top five given in the South African second innings.

The visitors, chasing 219 to win, collapsed dramatically to 27 for five, before Jonty Rhodes and Brian McMillan came together in a 117-run face saving stand.

The five-match series has been dogged by umpiring controversies.

Criticism of the umpires by South African fast bowler Allan Donald, the leading wicket taker this series with 33 wickets, landed him a 50 percent fine and one-match suspended ban.

Bacher also condemned the ICC for its lack of foresight in appointing Pakistan's umpire Javed Akhtar for the series decider.

"How can the ICC appoint someone like Akhtar to make his first appearance in a Test in England in a crucial match like this?" Bacher said.

Akhtar adjudged a total of eight batsmen out lbw – two English and six South Africans – at least three in controversial circumstances.

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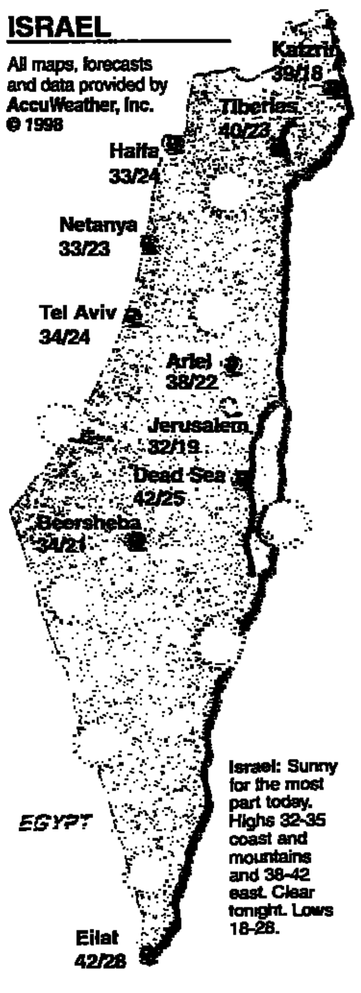

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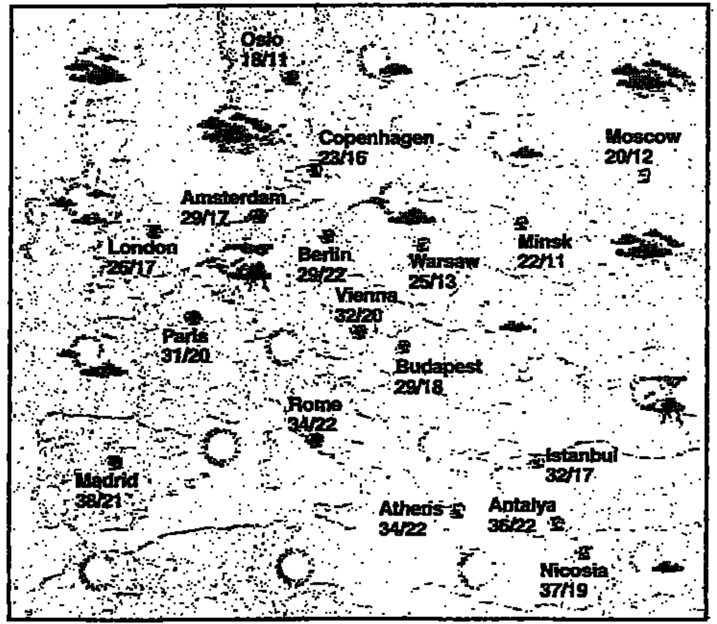

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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Ariel	38/100	22/71/s	38/100	22/71/s	38/100	22/71/pc	38/100	24/75/pc
Beersheba	34/93	21/70/s	34/93	19/66/s	36/97	21/70/pc	36/97	23/73/pc
Dead Sea	42/107	25/77/s	42/107	25/77/s	44/111	28/82/pc	44/111	28/82/pc
Eilat	42/107	28/82/s	42/107	30/86/s	44/111	30/86/pc	44/111	30/86/pc
Haifa	33/91	24/75/s	33/91	24/75/s	35/95	26/79/pc	35/95	26/79/pc
Jerusalem	32/89	19/66/s	32/89	17/62/s	34/93	19/66/pc	34/93	21/70/pc
Katzrin	39/102	18/64/s	39/102	16/61/s	39/102	18/64/pc	39/102	20/68/pc
Netanya	33/91	23/73/s	33/91	23/73/s	35/95	25/77/pc	35/95	27/80/pc
Tel Aviv	34/93	24/75/s	32/89	24/75/s	34/93	26/79/pc	36/97	28/82/pc
Tiberias	40/104	23/73/s	38/100	23/73/s	40/104	25/77/pc	40/104	27/80/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	29/84	17/62/pc	27/80	16/61/c	21/70	15/59/s
Beijing	33/91	24/75/pc	34/93	24/75/s	31/88	22/71/pc
Berlin	29/84	22/71/pc	31/88	20/68/pc	23/73	11/52/pc
Brussels	31/88	19/66/pc	29/84	17/62/c	24/75	16/61/s
Cairo	36/97	22/71/s	36/97	22/71/s	36/97	24/75/s
Chicago	28/82	14/57/s	25/77	16/61/s	27/80	17/62/pc
Frankfurt	29/84	21/70/pc	31/88	19/66/pc	24/75	10/50/pc
Hong Kong	32/89	27/80/sh	32/89	26/79/sh	32/89	26/79/pc
Johannesburg	23/73	7/44/s	25/77	8/46/s	26/79	11/52/pc
London	26/79	17/62/pc	24/75	15/59/pc	22/71	15/59/pc
Los Angeles	32/89	20/68/s	34/93	19/66/pc	33/91	18/64/c
Madrid	38/100	21/70/s	39/102	20/68/s	36/97	20/68/sh
Mexico City	26/79	13/55/pc	24/75	13/55/c	25/77	14/57/pc
Montreal	24/75	16/61/sh	21/70	13/55/pc	26/79	16/61/pc
Moscow	20/68	12/53/sh	13/55	10/50/r	18/64	12/53/pc
New York	28/82	20/68/t	26/79	19/66/pc	26/79	19/66/pc
Paris	31/88	20/68/t	29/84	17/62/sh	24/75	15/59/pc
Prague	32/89	19/66/pc	33/91	19/66/s	27/80	10/50/pc
Rio de Janeiro	28/82	22/71/pc	28/82	22/71/pc	28/82	21/70/sh
Rome	34/93	22/71/s	34/93	21/70/s	32/89	21/70/pc
Sydney	19/66	12/53/s	18/64	11/52/pc	21/70	12/53/sh
Tokyo	31/88	26/79/pc	31/88	26/79/c	33/91	26/79/pc
Toronto	23/73	12/53/pc	23/73	13/55/s	26/79	14/57/pc
Vienna	32/89	20/68/s	34/93	22/71/s	30/86	16/61/pc
Warsaw	25/77	13/55/pc	27/80	17/62/pc	27/80	11/52/sh
Washington	31/88	22/71/sh	29/84	21/70/pc	30/86	21/70/pc
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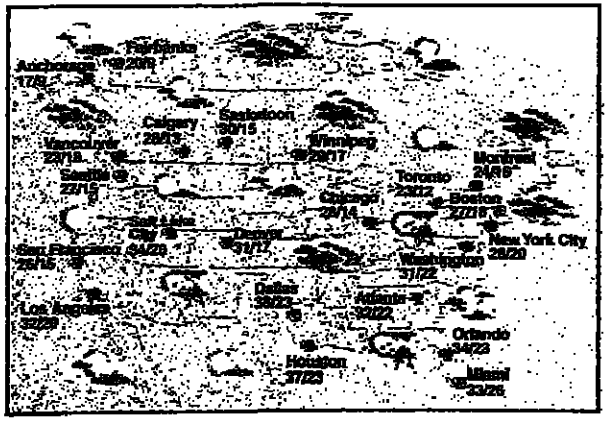

UEFA Cup beckons Hapoel TA

By OFER RONEN-ABELS and agencies

Hapoel Tel Aviv's Sebastian Simirotic and Avi Azulai are certain to miss today's first leg of the second qualifying round of the UEFA Cup tie against Norway's Stromgodset at Bloomfield Stadium (kickoff at 1800).

Slovenian striker Simirotic will not see action against 'Godset' after his leg was put in plaster following a knee injury.

"Azulai's and Simirotic's absence are a great blow for Hapoel, but regardless, 11 players are going to play and they will try and insure that Simirotic will play in Europe in the next round," said Shalom Tikva after Hapoel's training session.

Former Sheffield United striker Jostein Flo didn't train with the rest of his Stromgodset teammates who held a training session at Bloomfield yesterday evening. Flo was nursing an injury he picked up during the team's last league defeat.

"I'll be OK" said the veteran international, as he refused to talk about the injury, but coach Doug Vidar Christophersen said that even if Flo will be 75% fit, he still will not pick him as he would prefer to pick a much faster side.

"In this weather and at his age (34), an unfit Flo will be no good to our system as we plan to hit Hapoel on the break" said Christophersen.

Former Chelsea defender Erland Jonson who moved to Godset this season from champions Rosenburg also expects to take part in today's game and he is likely to keep a close watch on Tikva.

Around 10,000 fans are expected to turn up at Bloomfield as workers were still fixing the fences last night in order to satisfy the police requirements.

In other matchups, AEK Athens will be at home to Hungarian club Ferencvaros.

Slavia Prague, coming off a 5-0 defeat to Banik Ostrava in the Czech League over the weekend, crosses the border to Slovakia to take on Inter Bratislava – its former rival in the old Czechoslovakia League.

Another Greek club, PAOK Salonika, which ousted Arsenal from the tournament last season, faces a tough task against Glasgow Rangers at Ibrox.

Australian Cricket Board adopts racial code, drug-testing policy

MELBOURNE, (AP) – The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) adopted yesterday a racial code and drug-testing policy that it hopes will be adopted by other cricketing nations.

Australian Cricket Board chief executive Malcolm Speed said the board would lobby the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the introduction of codes dealing with racial and religious vilification, and drug use.

Speed said Australia became the first cricketing nation to adopt a racial and religious vilification policy and joined South Africa and England by having a drugs policy.

He said both ACB initiatives would take effect from next month.

"We'll be sending both documents to the ICC and telling the ICC that at its next meeting, we will be moving to have these policies adopted worldwide," Speed said.

Under the drug code, all first-class cricketers in Australia will be subject to random tests for performance-enhancing drugs.

Social drugs such as marijuana have been excluded from the tests.

Straight-set champ

Lindsay Davenport delivers a backhand in her Toshiba Classic finals win over Mary Pierce. Story, Page 18. (Reuters)

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